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ACTIVITY ON AMOY FRONT INCREASING Red Attack On Canton From Coast Predicted CHANGE IN RED STRATEGY

Canton, September 22.

The battle for Amoy today reached new heights of fury as the Communists threw in fresh troops for an attempted knock-out punch, and the big guns of the island's forts supported mainland troops in a long-range artillery duel.

A high military source said that there is growing belief in official circles in Canton that the increased Red pressure on Amoy is the forerunner of an attempt to execute a march on Canton along the coast.

This source said official circles believe that the Communists have altered their military strategy by which earlier they launched the Fukien offensive merely as a left flank move to protect their main forces in East Hunan and South Kiangsi Provinces.

CHINESE APPEAL TO THE UN

Flushing Meadows,

September 22.

China today asked the United Nations General Assembly to pay due attention to the storm which is raging in China.

The request was made by the chief Chinese delegate, Mr. T. T. Tsiang, who charged that the Chinese Communists are an integral part of the international Communist movement in step with Moscow.

Mr. Tsiang's speech did not contain any formal charge against the Soviet Union either of alleged treaty violations or of aiding the Chinese Communists.

But a Chinese delegation spokesman said that the chances of such a formal move being made had been recently increased by the action of the Communists in proclaiming a "provisional Government" in China.

"The Chinese Communist Party," Mr. Tsiang said, "is as fanatical as Communists elsewhere."

"Its propaganda is always in tune with Moscow's propaganda."

"Its action is always in step with Moscow's action."—Reuter.

SERIOUS FLOODS IN BOMBAY

Bombay, September 22.

A near record-breaking 17 inches of rainfall in the past 26 hours deluged Bombay and temporarily paralysed the bus, train and tram services today.

Thousands of suburban and city workers were prevented from going to work because of the paralysed communications.

The excessive rainfall caused one of the worst floods since 1930 and momentarily, pigeon-holed worries over the cost of living which were associated with the recent devaluation.—United Press.

The Weather

At 0600 GMT (2 p.m. H.K.T.) a complex low pressure system dominated central and S. Japan. From it a trough extends S. and S.E. to the Marianas. Pressure is relatively high over E. China and low off Indo-China.

Today's Forecast: Light or moderate S. to S.W. winds; fair apart from scattered showers.

Yesterday's Weather:
Maximum: 84.0 deg. Fah.
Minimum: 75.0 deg. Fah.
Rainfall: 1.5 mm.

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More Troops For Hong Kong



Scheme To Lower Vegetable Prices

A scheme to help reduce prices of fresh vegetables to consumers without entailing any financial loss on the farmers is at present being put in hand by the Vegetable Marketing Organisation.

In principle it is to have farmers join in the re-tailing of their produce through sale at stalls to be set up under the auspices of the Organisation, and thus participate in the profits.

A maximum gross profit of 40 per cent is to be allowed on perishable goods and 20 per cent on dry goods.

Explaining the initiation of the scheme at a Press conference yesterday, Mr. Robert Hart, Director of the Vegetable Marketing Organisation, said that, in effect, it was to enlarge the scope of the existing organisation to ensure that produce from the New Territories would get through to the consumers as directly as possible.

The scheme was complicated, said Mr. Hart, and so far details have not been worked out.

However, to see how it would work, a stall, called the pilot stall, was set up a few days ago adjacent to the Wholesale Market where six girl hawkers attend to the selling. It has been doing extremely well and, depending on the support received from the farmers and the public, further stalls or stores will be set up.

Shared Profits
These stalls will sell vegetables both direct from the farmers as well as from the Wholesale Market.

After paying the wages of the hawkers who run the stalls, and overhead expenses, the profit will be shared equally between the farmers and those running the stalls.

A cash register will be installed at every stall and a ticket will be issued to show the amount of each sale. Full weight will be guaranteed, and a free delivery service will be available for purchases of \$5 and over.

Mr. Hart, in reply to a question, said these stalls would, by reason of limitation on their sale profit, be working in competition with stalls outside the scheme, but outside stalls not selling at an excessive profit should not be effected.

Mr. C. T. Large, assistant to Mr. Hart, told the conference that he had consulted farmers in the New Territories and they were quite enthusiastic over the scheme.

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More than 1,200 troops, mostly members of the Royal Artillery, arrived in Hong Kong yesterday in the troopship Orbita as reinforcements for the Garrison. Some of the new arrivals are seen here on the Kowloon Wharf. ("China Mail" photo).

HK THREAT OF PRICE CONTROL

Government yesterday reiterated that there is absolutely no justification for any increase in prices of commodities following the devaluation of the pound Sterling.

The Price Control office has carried out a survey of prices and is at present studying the report.

It was officially stated yesterday that the survey shows a few instances where prices had been raised.

Government has the question under most urgent consideration, the "China Mail" was told yesterday.

A Price Control official said that there will be no hesitation in imposing further severe restrictions to prevent the inflation of prices.

This may mean that price control will be re-imposed on goods (devalued previously) if the prices of such goods are increased beyond the level obtaining before the pound Sterling was devalued.

The official urged traders and shopkeepers to maintain the level of prices before the devaluation took place.

He also appealed for public co-operation in reporting all cases of increase in prices—whether in respect of price-controlled articles or not.

Reports may be made at the Price Control office, Statue Square, in person, or by telephone (Nos. 22510 and 27347).

Slight Increases
The fourth day after devaluation of the pound found Hong Kong merchants still sceptical of the future and many holding to their goods to see if there is going to be any price increase.

General commodities that are in demand have gone up from two to five per cent. Above that, due to buyer resistance, there has been no demand.

Patent medicines and pharmaceuticals, prices of which had been increased from 10 to 20 per cent in certain items, have been maintained. The excuse given by the stores is that they will have to pay more for replacements.

A demand for an increase in petrol price by the filling stations has been reported by motorists but the three big oil companies denied that they had increased their prices which, they said, were controlled.

Cigarette hawkers, however, yesterday asked 10 cents more for American cigarettes, while others just stood away, their stocks and told customers they were sold out.

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RN STATEMENT ON SEIZURE OF EDITH MOLLER

If adequate and accurate information had been received on the movements of the ss. Edith Moller, a warship would have been at the mouth of the Yangtze to meet her, according to a statement issued by the Naval Authorities in Hong Kong last night.

The statement, which refers to reports on the seizure of the vessel by the Nationalists after she had left Shanghai for Hong Kong, said that in this case the promised protection against illegal treatment outside territorial waters would have been afforded.

The Naval statement also said that reports appearing in the Press were made without reference to the Naval Authorities.

The full statement issued by the British Naval Authorities follows:—

"The British Naval Authorities in Hong Kong having observed certain statements given publicly in the morning press today (Thursday) concerning the Edith Moller, are naturally conducting a careful enquiry into the circumstances and other aspects of the matter. In the meantime they wish to make the following facts perfectly clear:—

"These press statements were made without reference to the Naval Authorities.

"Naval advice was given before the ship sailed to both the Master and Owners pointing out the risks of attempting entry to Shanghai (particularly by a previous blockade runner) since, in Naval opinion, the closure was effective and likelihood of interception was high. It is not the Navy's duty to help ships through the closure, and shipping companies had been warned that approach to Yangtze Light Vessel would be construed as intention to go to Shanghai.

"The operational authorities had no news of the Edith Moller's second visit to Shanghai until August 22, when her expected date of arrival off the Yangtze was given as August 24.

"Appropriate action was taken immediately but the Edith Moller arrived a day early, on August 23. From this it will be seen that (although no rendezvous had been arranged) if adequate and accurate information had been received, a warship would in fact have been at the Yangtze mouth to meet her and ensure that the promised protection against illegal treatment outside territorial waters was afforded.

Legality Not Recognised
"Any British warship witnessing the arrest would have intervened whether the arrest took place in territorial or non-territorial waters.

"Nothing was known of the Edith Moller's encounter, subsequent to release, with a Chinese warship until the former's return to Hong Kong.

"The foregoing does not imply that the legality of the actions of the Nationalist ships concerned is in any way recognised."

PERMITS REFUSED BY REDS

Shanghai, September 21.

The Chinese Communists have refused exit permits to perhaps a dozen foreign executives and administrative personnel.

They were refused permission to leave on the grounds that they were essential to the operation of necessary enterprises.—Associated Press.

The American President Lines' ss. General Gordon, which will bring more than 1,500 Shanghai evacuees to Hong Kong on September 27, will accommodate passengers in the ballroom and lounge if necessary, an official of the company said in Hong Kong yesterday.

He added that the General Gordon was put on the Orient route after the war to facilitate the entry of thousands of Orient-bound passengers. It is not a luxury ship.

"During the war, the General Gordon was used as a troopship, and carried more than 5,000 men each trip.

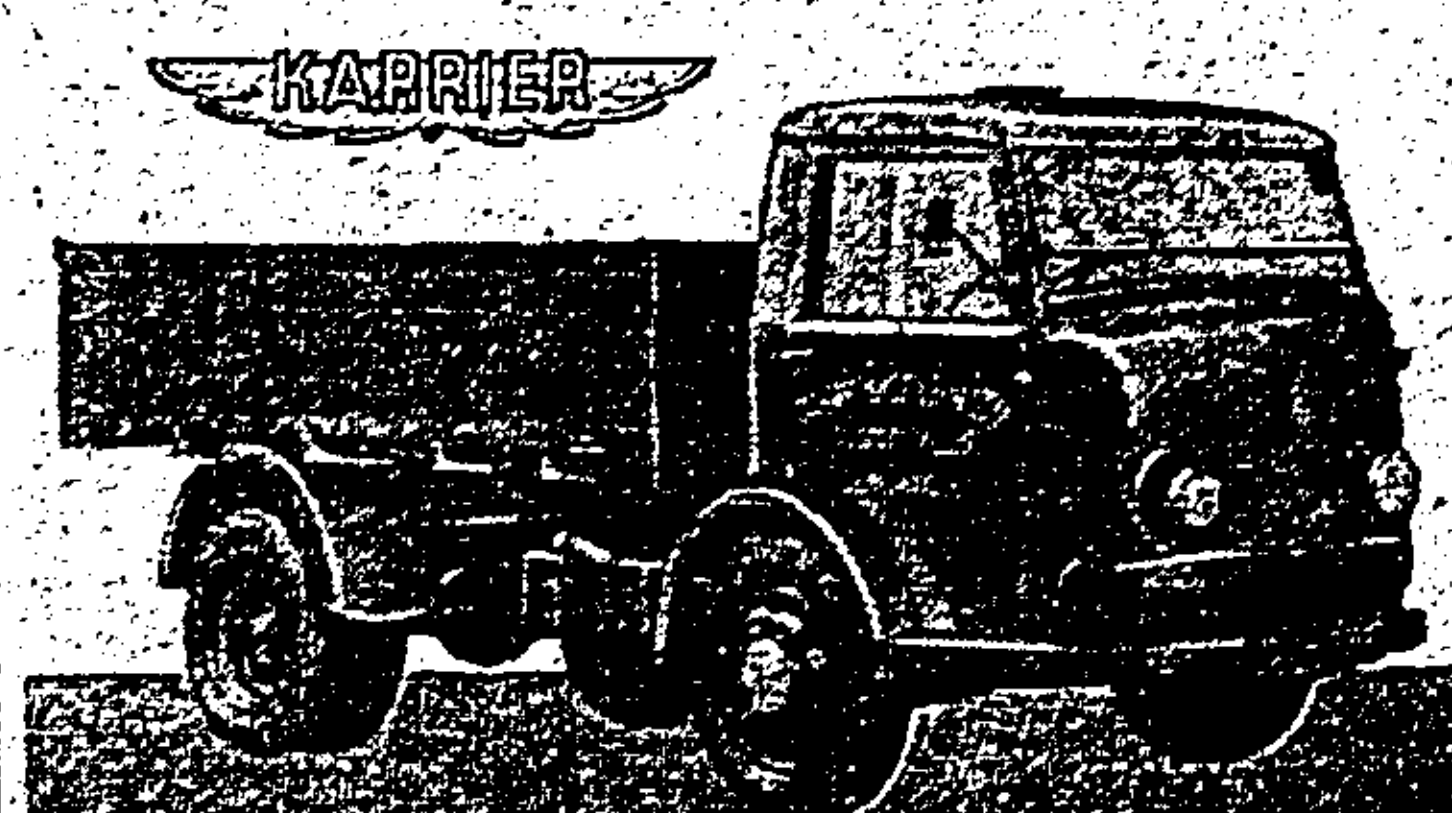
"Therefore, under the circumstances, we will do away with some amenities if many more than 1,500 passengers board the ship at Shanghai."

The official said that the 230 third-class passengers who disembarked from the General Gordon in Hong Kong until the ship returns from Shanghai will go back on board on September 27.

He added that most of the passengers from Shanghai, who are Americans, will be accommodated on the General Gordon and leave for Yokohama en route back to the United States.

No plans have been made to accommodate passengers who wish to remain in Hong Kong, because their numbers and requirements are totally unknown to the local office, he added.

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Petition For Lifting Of Embargo On Yarns

PAA Denies Press Report

Pan American Airways in Hong Kong emphatically dissociated themselves with the press report that the company was transacting with Bailey's for the shipping of Indian cotton yarn. Mr. J. B. O'Donnell, Hong Kong manager of PAA, told the "China Mail" that neither the PAA nor CNAC have made any statement on the matter. "And furthermore," continued Mr. O'Donnell, "Mr. Peter H. H. is not representing us as was stated by the Press."

Correspondence

The Editor takes no responsibility for views expressed in letters by correspondents, and by no means necessarily agrees with them.

Sino-British Orchestra

Sir,—May I be allowed to draw the attention of your readers to the notice which appears in your advertisement columns regarding the series of four Subscription Concerts to be presented this season by the Sino-British Orchestra?

As is, I think, well known by now in Hong Kong, the Sino-British Orchestra is run by the Sino-British Club and has no connection with any other Orchestra in the Colony. It exists to present to Hong Kong the finest orchestral music at a price within the reach of all who may be interested. Considerable expense is involved in producing this type of music which requires that the orchestra should have a leave or stiffening of professional musicians. For successful planning and management throughout the whole season an assured income is essential and the offer of Subscribers' Season Tickets is made with a view to securing such an income. I therefore commend this offer to all who have a heart to the best interest of music in the Colony.

At the same time an Appeal Campaign has been launched for Patrons of the Orchestra among local business and prominent citizens who may feel disposed to show their interest in music in Hong Kong in a more substantial manner. I should be pleased to give information to any who may be interested if they would be good enough to communicate with me.

ERIC W. PUDNEY,
 Chairman,
 Orchestral Committee,
 Sino-British Club.

LEARNER DRIVER IN COURT

A Chinese restaurant manager, Yen Chi Ben, aged 30, residing at Wellington Street, was charged before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday with breach of traffic regulations.

Defendant, who is a learner-driver, was charged with driving without "L" plates on the vehicle, driving without a licensed driving instructor, carrying passengers and dangerous driving.

Defendant who was allowed bail of \$1,000 was remanded for one week.

Three industrial associations have petitioned the Government to lift the embargo on the importation of Indian cotton yarn.

They contend that Indian yarn is considerably lower in price than Government-supplied cotton yarn which enjoys the monopoly at present.

The petition, sent to the Colonial Secretary, includes a comparison of the prices of Indian cotton yarn and Hong Kong Government-supplied yarn which are Chinese, Indian and Japanese manufactured.

The petition states in part: "The Hong Kong Cotton Weaving Manufacturers' Association wrote to the Department of Supplies, Trade and Industries in August 1948, drawing its attention to the situation of its members, with statistics showing inter alia, that the membership of the Association has been reduced from 322 to 243 and the number of workmen from 14,118 to 5,618."

"A recent check of the number of factories shows a further closing down of 101 thus bringing the total down to 142, i.e. only 44 per cent of the weaving factories are operating."

"A very much smaller number of factories are operating in the spinning industry. The Hong Kong Textile Mills Association has also made representations to the Department of Supplies, Trade and Industries urging overall reduction of yarn prices as a means of saving the spinning factories from eventual dissolution."

"The controversy over the issue of Government controlled prices of cotton yarn has been dragging on for more than a year and all the while the position of the weaving and knitting industries keeps on deteriorating from bad to worse. Despite extreme hardship facing us, we manufacturers did not press our case much further, realising that the Government had still more than 10,000 bales of cotton yarn in stock, which could not be disposed of at the desired prices."

"It may be argued that poor machinery equipment and management in the factories has been the chief cause for high cost of production. The Department of Imports and Exports (now Department of Commerce and Industry) should know very well that in summer 1948, Canton was our greatest competitor. But Canton manufacturers there were even worse equipped than we were. The only factor that helped them to outbid us was that they were able to get cotton yarn supply at prices invariably 20 per cent below those available in Hong Kong."

"The Government is aware that the weaving and knitting factories have many drawbacks and difficulties, that they are not so well equipped as their competitors, and highly industrialised centres and, if they are to survive, other facilities have to be liberally provided. It should, therefore, be

welcome news to the Government as well as to the weavers and knitters that Indian yarn is now back on the market."

"If we compare the prices of Indian cotton yarn (per 400 lb. bale) with those of the Government stock and those in the free market in Hong Kong, we can readily see how much the Indian offer can help us."

"We have been given to understand that Indian cotton yarn may be allowed to enter Hong Kong on transit, but prohibited for use in local factories. This means that our neighbouring competitors may reap the full benefit of such low-priced yarn supply while we here in Hong Kong continue to labour at a disadvantage and struggle for existence. We have also been informed that facilities for the import of Indian piece-goods have been given by the Government, which means we shall even have to fight for local market against heavy odds."

"As far as the Government's yarn stock is concerned, it will no doubt have to be sold at a loss, though no fault of the Government, as cotton yarn in the world market is taking its natural course of dropping in value. The Government is bound to write off a portion of the gains it made from the same item in the previous year. As the situation stands, any further delay in disposing of the stock will increase the loss and any attempt to force up the yarn prices arbitrarily will not only be futile, but will do great harm to the textile industries and reflect a lack of interest on the part of the Government in the welfare of these industries, which have been playing an important part in the life and economy of the Colony."

"We may as well add that the weaving and knitting industries in Hong Kong are the biggest employers of labour and that the success of their trade will contribute immensely to the prosperity of the Colony."

"In the interest of knitting and weaving industries, respectfully urge that you will increase the stock and any attempt to force up the yarn prices arbitrarily will not only be futile, but will do great harm to the textile industries and reflect a lack of interest on the part of the Government in the welfare of these industries, which have been playing an important part in the life and economy of the Colony."

Stanley Prisoner Found Guilty

Unanimously found guilty by an all-men jury of manslaughter at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, Chan Ping-cheng, 25-year-old convict serving sentence for loitering with an unlawful purpose, was given nine months' hard labour.

Chan unintentionally killed Chan Mui, aged 24, a fellow prisoner, by assaulting him at Stanley Prison on July 29 this year. The jury yesterday however recommended leniency in view of the fact that the deceased was already not in good health at the time he was beaten.

The jury deliberated for half an hour before returning the verdict.

Mr. A. Hootin, Crown Counsel, had previously asked the jury to find Chan guilty of manslaughter.

The deceased, when he was admitted to Stanley, was pronounced unfit for hard labour, as a result of which he was put on lighter duties.

On the morning of the day in question, the accused managed to make his way past a warder into a certain prison block where the deceased was there. He beat and kicked him. The reason for this was that the deceased had apparently been accused of stealing some of the warder's property.

The deceased immediately hurried over to the warder in charge and reported the matter, whereupon he suddenly collapsed. He died the same day at the hospital from a ruptured spleen.

Chan in his own defence tendered evidence that he had slipped past the warder on duty at the block. He said he had gone into the place to get something. As he went up to the second floor, however, he heard a commotion, coming from a lower floor. He went down and fled down to the ground floor.

He denied having beaten up the deceased and causing his death.

More Troops For Garrison

More than 1,200 troops arrived in Hong Kong aboard the "Orbita" yesterday morning.

Commanding Officer of the troops, Colonel H.R.R. Prior, said that the men were all in first class condition and would start intensive training in the New Territories immediately.

The troops, mainly of the 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th, 107th, 108th, 109th, 110th, 111th, 112th, 113th, 114th, 115th, 116th, 117th, 118th, 119th, 120th, 121st, 122nd, 123rd, 124th, 125th, 126th, 127th, 128th, 129th, 130th, 131st, 132nd, 133rd, 134th, 135th, 136th, 137th, 138th, 139th, 140th, 141st, 142nd, 143rd, 144th, 145th, 146th, 147th, 148th, 149th, 150th, 151st, 152nd, 153rd, 154th, 155th, 156th, 157th, 158th, 159th, 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ABERCROMBIE REPORT

PROPOSALS FOR HK DEVELOPMENT

The building of skyscrapers for business as well as for residence does not commend itself to Hong Kong, according to the Preliminary Town Planning Report by Professor Sir Patrick Abercrombie.

The Report contains general proposals for the development of the Colony. It covers the harbour, population, housing, shops and workshops, industrial zoning, road, railways, open spaces, the New Territories, airfield facilities and general health and welfare.

To put the proposals into effect it will be necessary to break through a mass of existing customs on which much estate value has depended, owing to the unfortunate number of 999-year leases, said the Report.

There does not appear to be any link to the number of people who could pour into Hong Kong from the Mainland and beyond the New Territories, said the Report. Therefore, added the Report, if on the analogy of the Greater London plan, new towns were to be built on the limited suitable land of Kowloon, or on the much less limited land of the New Territories, they would be once be filled up from this unplanned reservoir on the mainland.

According to Sir Patrick Abercrombie, the only policy as to the numbers appears to be an artificially restricted population and some form of rigid transference from over-crowded areas into new quarters as and when they are prepared to receive them. There must be also a rigidly enforced standard of maximum density and imposed, limitation on industrial expansion. Both these will be difficult to enforce if the population has become used to densities which, over large areas (not in small black spots) must be some of the highest in the world; industry is seeking a refuge in Hong Kong and it is hard to deny it entrance.

It has been assumed throughout the Report that the major urban activities should be confined to Hong Kong Island and that the location of the Defence Services should have a preference for the island. The natural barrier of mountains North of Kowloon reinforces the former; and both preferences are related to the fundamental fact which must not be lost sight of, that the Colony in its chief function is an entrepot port. From a tentative survey of the sites and working on an assumed density, it appears that Kowloon could absorb an additional population of about 500,000 as well as about 100,000 which could be taken out of over-crowded areas of Hong Kong and Kowloon.

Serious Problem
The suggested location and acreage required in Kowloon to accommodate the additional 500,000 and an overspill of 100,000 follow:

Population to be accommodated	District	Acreage
57,000 Hill District East		
92,700 Kau Lung Tsai East		200
78,500 Kowloon Tong West		325
35,600 Castle Peak Road area		275
60,400 Kowloon Reclamation		125
75,000 Hung Hom Reclamation		175
57,000 Gin Drinkers Bay		150
55,000 Tsun Wan		200
100,000		1,643
100,000 Overspill North of Kai Tak		350
600,800 Total Population and Acreage		1,993

The housing conditions in Hong Kong present the most serious

problem in the Colony. Density to the extent of 2,000 person to the acre (and not confined to small patches) in buildings which are of entirely obsolete design but which under present powers cannot be condemned, is something unknown in European countries, said the Report.

For the purpose of making calculations the Report adopted Mr. W. H. Owen's recommendation which gives 504 persons to a net acre. The figures adopted with slight modifications are: seven persons to a family; three dwellings to a building unit; 24 buildings to an acre; 45 square feet to a person; 315 square feet to a family; and 504 persons to an acre.

It was generally felt, said Sir Patrick, that this standard should be tried out in building before adopting it. Alternative figures for general distribution have been prepared for the reduction to 300 persons to an acre. He urged that this lower density should also be worked out both in detail for housing accommodation and in its effect on the total population which the area will take at this density.

Transfer of Population

It is suggested that there should be a threefold division:—

100,000 (or 2 to 50,000) Community.

10,000 Neighbourhood.

500 Group (family or similar).

It would be of the greatest value as an object lesson if the PWD could prepare a plan and model for a Neighbourhood unit, which would demonstrate how the decentralised overspill would be disposed of on a new site.

The possibility of the transfer of the over-crowded population (in every country a delicate matter) has been considered and it is believed that it might be possible for new areas developed in Kowloon to attract from and reduce overcrowding in Victoria and Kowloon if work in the form of new industry, etc., were available; first-rate conditions of houses, shops, play spaces, clinics and schools were offered; a rigorous allotment of houses to bona-fide Hong Kong residents were made, with preference to those who could show that they came from overcrowded areas.

Regulations against overcrowding in the vacated areas would have to be simultaneously enforced.

The rebuilding of the obsolete types of tenements and structures in a condition of decay will require new powers in order to avoid the dangers and drawbacks of piecemeal reconstruction. It should be possible to declare whole areas obsolescent and ripe for rebuilding on a new layout, as is provided for under the English 1944 Act (Section 9).

The only satisfactory way in which this can be done is by acquisition of the designated area and in this connection it would be useful if powers were obtained to allow the "Life" of a Building according to its condition and design; this will have a direct bearing upon the cost of acquisition.

The Report added that it would be pedantic for the planner to condemn the practice in Hong Kong of giving up the entire ground floor of the residential area to shops, workshops, warehouses, stores, etc.

Harbour Works
If a new Community is planned from the beginning it might be worth while attempting to provide shopping centres at appropriate places and to set aside other areas for workshops and stores, as it were "domestic factory zones".

A large-scale scheme of harbour reclamation, the proposal to build and enlarge certain harbour works, and finally, the possible full development of land for residential purposes in Kowloon, with the proposed reduction of population in Hong Kong Island, call for a revision of the industrial zones.

It is proposed to zone a very large area from Shek O, Shek Wan, Northwards, including the area known as a Trading Estate, which be given positive encouragement; this would become the major industrial zone in this part of Kowloon. But the noxious areas should be eliminated, including immediately the Cement Works, the Brick Works, and the various small and large industrial zones in the Colony.

On the Western side of the Kowloon peninsula much readjustment of the existing industrial zoning is necessary, owing to the proposed alteration of the coast line. From Lai-chi-kok there is an intermediate industrial frontage as far South as Prince Edward Road, with a residential hinterland. The present noxious zone at Tai Kok Tsui should not extend Eastwards of Tong Mi Road. The filled-in typhoon anchorage could be zoned for light industry and commercial use, but the existing noxious zone Eastwards should be eliminated. The Kowloon wharves, as already mentioned, may be supplemented with new enclosing places.

On the Eastern side of Kowloon Bay there is an opportunity for a large industrial and shipping frontage, with additional pier (the rail connection will be dealt with later).

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Reminders

Today
King George V School Parents Association, Variety Concert at School premises, 7.30 p.m.
Swimming Gala and Dance, European YMCA, 7 p.m.
Crown Land Sales, District Office, Kowloon Magistracy Building, 10 a.m.
Kowloon Rotary Club Dance, Peninsula Hotel.
MIT Alumni Tea Party, 1st Flr., Queen's Building, 5 p.m.
Entries close for annual swimming championship of VRC, 5.30 p.m.

Coming Events
TOMORROW
Chinese YMCA Swimming meet, Victoria Recreation Club, 9.30 a.m.
Race Meeting, Race Course, Happy Valley.
Seven-a-side soccer competition, 2.30 p.m.

SUNDAY
Toe H Club, Classical Concert, 50, MacDonnell Road, 8.45 a.m.
HK Art Club, sketching party, members to assemble at Queen's Pier, 2.30 p.m. (further details from Mr. Nobbins, Tel. 30709).

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Regarding a tunnel from the centre of Hong Kong to the tip of Kowloon, the biggest single town planning and engineering feature for consideration in connection with the development of the Colony—the Report said that various opinions have been expressed as to what extent it would serve, whether for example it would supersede to any great extent the transshipment of cargoes by lighters, facilitate decentralisation from overcrowded Hong Kong, open up a wider area for high class residential development, enable work people to get more easily or quickly to their jobs, or whether it would supersede the ferries and give access to open spaces, etc. The problem of engineering and of cost are also not yet solved.

From a general planning point of view the more intimate connection formed by a bridge or a tunnel must be considered of great advantage in a situation of this sort and with urban areas of the order of one million inhabitants separated by a stretch of water less than a mile wide.

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PRIVATE CAR USED FOR HIRE
A fine of \$250 was imposed on Chan Hai, aged 23, when he was charged at Kowloon yesterday with allowing his private car to be hired out and with taking passengers without the consent from the vehicle's owner.

Inspector J. O'Brien told the court that defendant was arrested near the Jordan Road Ferry pier on Wednesday where he discharged three passengers.

The passengers paid him \$3 each for the trip from Hung Hom to the vicinity of Jordan Road ferry.

K'LOON BROTHEL RAIDED
A 70-year-old Chinese man was fined \$500 for three months' imprisonment by Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at Kowloon yesterday for keeping a brothel and living on the earnings of prostitutes.

Chan Shing was arrested on Wednesday night when a party of police raided his premises in Temple Street.

He kept three girls on the verandah of the premises and he admitted to the police that he was the owner of the brothel.

REQUISITIONING OF FLATS
The Government Quarters Authority has requisitioned nine flats at 29, Macdonnell Road, for the Military.

Education Progress In The Colony

Mr. T. R. Rowell, Hong Kong's Director of Education, gave a talk yesterday before the Y's Men's Club on the history of education in Hong Kong.

From a beginning when no notice whatever was taken of education by Government, the budget today provides for more than HK\$20,000,000 a year on education in one form or another, representing 11.6 per cent of the Colony's total expenditure, said Mr. Rowell.

The number of pupils attending school this term is 130,000 to 140,000 as against 110 in 1854.

During the first 10 years of Hong Kong's existence as a British colony education just happened to be provided as occasion arose and without any direction.

In 1843 the Morrison Education Society transferred to the Colony from Macao an opened school on Morrison Hill under the direction of Dr. J. Legge, famous for his edition of the Chinese classics.

In the same year, the Colonial Chaplain, the Reverend V. Stanton, founded St. Paul's College at Queen's Road, training of native clergy; by the end of 1844 the Roman Catholics and Non-conformists had established schools for similar purposes.

Government first took an interest in education in 1850 when it appointed an Education Committee, of which the first Bishop of Hong Kong was chairman.

In 1855 the European community built St. Andrew's School for their sons, but not their daughters, and though it survived only seven years, some of its pupils later achieved distinction at Oxford and Cambridge.

Queen's College
By 1858 there were, besides St. Andrew's School, 12 Government-supported schools with nearly 500 pupils enrolled, and five missionary schools (three Protestant and two Roman Catholic) with an average attendance of about 100. It was during this year that English was taught in all government-supported schools.

Three years later Dr. Legge, with the support of the then Governor, Sir Hercules Robinson, succeeded in modifying the existing education policy, which was depicted as "Christianity through schooling" for local education, and several small Government-supported schools were merged into the Central School, which was later known as Queen's College.

Dr. Legge also was responsible for the abolition of the Education Committee and the establishment of the Board of Education as a civil department of Government under an Inspector of Schools directly responsible to the Governor.

As a result of the revolution led by Dr. Legge, schools were built in 1860 at Shek O, Aberdeen and Shaukwan with a total enrolment of 100 pupils. Of these only the one in Shek O is still in operation in the original building.

In the next 10 years education made marked advance, and it was in this period that the present Education Department was set up in place of the abolished Board of Education. Another step forward in education was the making of grants to schools based on results of examination, in which practice Hong Kong followed the steps taken in England.

Grants in Aid
Up to this time no grants were being given to missionary schools but in 1872 financial support was extended to Protestant schools on their accepting Government's conditions restricting religious teaching in schools. It was not until six years later, when the government code for grants in aid was revised, that Roman Catholic schools began to receive government aid.

The most important changes in educational policy took place in 1901 as a result of recommendations by an Education Committee of Enquiry, the members of which were Mr. A. W. Brewin (Registrar General), Dr. Ho Kai and Mr. A. E. Irving (Inspector of Schools).

Among the more liberal recommendations of this committee were the advocacy of oral methods in the teaching of English, more attention to the teaching of Chinese language to Chinese students and revision of the grant-in-aid code based on average attendance rather than on examination results.

The Grant Code in Hong Kong, according to the speaker, by being constantly revised kept abreast of advances made in the field of education in England. "It is broad and generous and today gives more aid to the missionary schools not only than any Code in any other Colony but even in relation to the Education Act of 1944," he said.

With the great strides made in education the need for a university was apparent, and through the liberality of Sir Horsemage Mody and endowment funds from China, the Straits Settlements and in Hong Kong itself, the University of Hong Kong was opened, and two years later the Education Ordinance of 1913 was passed—the first such legislation in the Empire.

The first technical school, the Junior Technical School, was opened in 1933, and three years later the Trade School, now the Technical College, was established in Wood Road. Following the report of the committee under Mr. Justice Lintell (Landsell) enquiring into the training of teachers, the Training College was set up in 1939.

Giving figures of attendance to illustrate the growth of education in Hong Kong, the speaker said in 1845 there were 110 pupils; in 1858, 800; and by 1879 the number had risen to 4,000. Just before the outbreak of the First World War the number of school children was 16,000, and by 1940 the number had risen to 118,000. After the Japanese occupation, school children numbered only 4,000, but now at the commencement of this term the number is more than 130,000 and probably 140,000.

Regarding expenditures on education, the speaker said more than \$20,000,000 is earmarked for education in one form or another, representing 11.6 per cent of the total expenditure of the Colony. And of this amount, grants in aid absorbed \$6,000,000.

Concluding, the speaker said the task today is much more complicated and difficult by reason of shortage of accommodation and staff, and also to the tendency to use the schools for political purposes. However, he expressed confidence that the progress made thus far will be continued.

LUNA PARK PLAN FOR HONG KONG

Hong Kong will have one of the largest, finest and most up-to-date amusement parks in the Far East, when Luna Park, at North Point, is opened to the public next month.

Situated on the five-acre plot of ground next to the Hong Kong Electric Company on King's Road, the promoters have spent more than HK\$3,000,000 on the project.

The promoters are the Gray Brothers of Paramount and China Emporium Ballrooms, the Ching Shing Investment Company Limited, and Mr. Al J. Richardson of San Francisco.

Mr. Richardson, who came to Hong Kong a year ago, to supervise the scheme, will be the Park's general manager, bringing with him a lifetime of experience in sports and amusement.

Building the Park has been a gigantic piece of engineering. Unlike most amusement resorts where the structures are fragile and only of a temporary nature, Luna Park is built of granite, masonry and steel.

Within the Park there will be a ballroom, the most modern of its kind in the Far East, serving both foreign and Chinese, good stores, stalls and recreation ground.

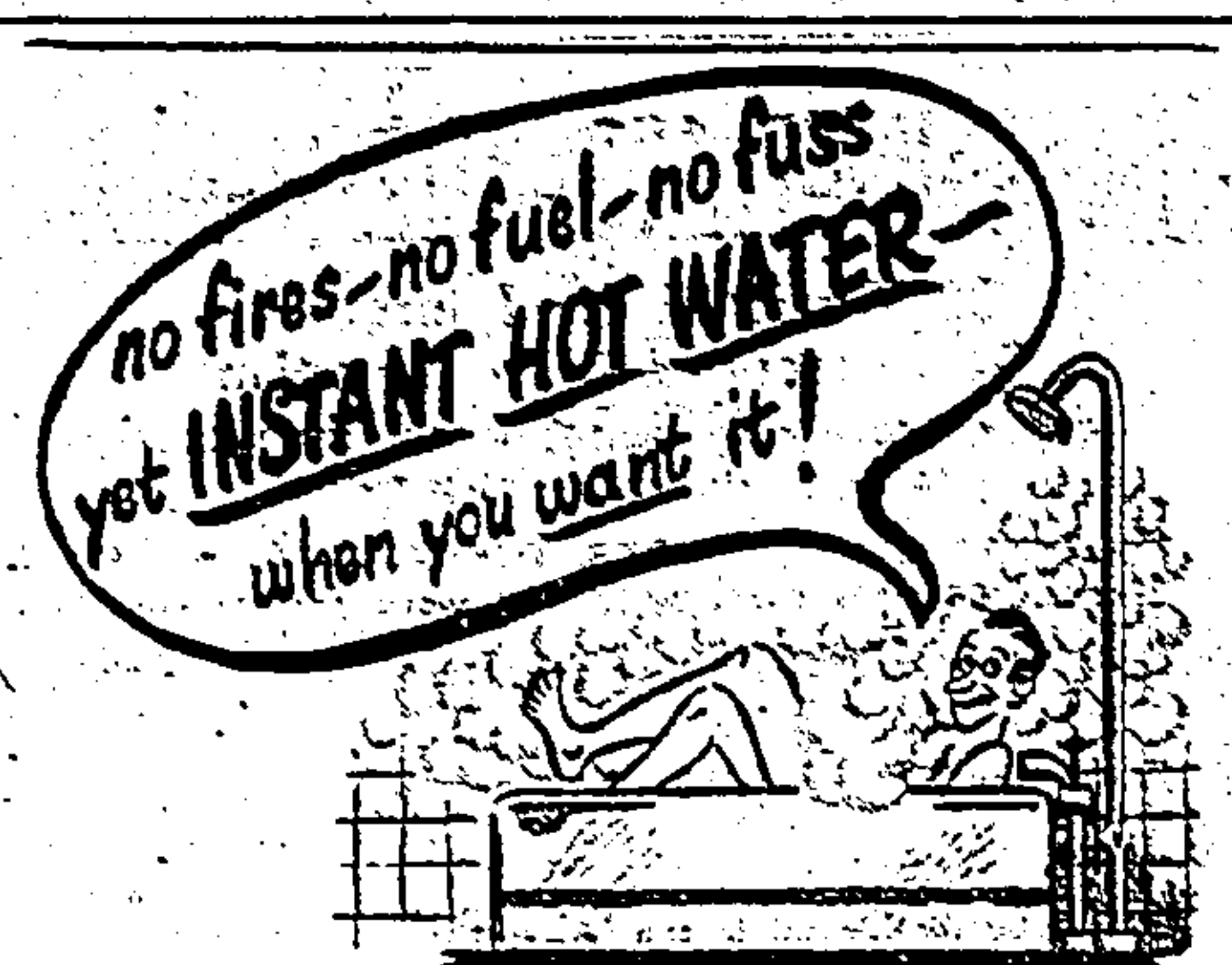
There will also be a large swimming pool, but it will not be ready until next summer. Great quantities of engineering equipment is being shipped from the United States under the supervision of Mr. Richardson.

The latest contrivances like the Miniature Train, Aeroplane, Motor Car, Cliff Diving and a Boat-Ride, will be installed, while the major rides will consist of a large Merry-Go-Round, Ferris Wheel, Dragon Ride, Caterpillar Ride, Silver Streak Ride and also the latest type of Roller Coaster.

Amusement for both young and old will be the latest type of games, amusement devices, shooting galleries, etc.

In one corner of the recreation ground where the King's Road and Queen's Road intersect will be erected a row of 25 two-storeyed houses, on the ground floor of which will be shops and stores, while the restaurant, bar and stalls will take up the first floor.

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NOTICE

ANTI-RABIES MEASURES

It is hereby notified that, in view of the serious outbreak of rabies in Kowloon and the New Territories, no further permits will be issued under Regulations 22 & 23 of the Dogs Ordinance, 1927, for the removal of dogs from Kowloon to Hong Kong, or from the New Territories to any other part of the Colony.

The issue of special permits to take sporting dogs from Hong Kong to the New Territories has also ceased until further notice.

N. B. M. WHITLEY,
Secretary,
Urban Council.

September 19, 1949.

POLICE NOTICE
RABIES

The prevalence of rabies necessitates more drastic action against dogs found abroad than hitherto. In accordance with the Dog Regulations, especially to dogs wandering after dark. 2 Dog owners are hereby warned that dogs abroad in contravention of the Regulations are liable to be shot without warning and to take such measures as are necessary to ensure that their animals are controlled as prescribed by the said Regulations.

MARINE DEPARTMENT
NOTICE NO. 38
OF 1949

FOR INFORMATION
OF SHIP OPERATORS
AND CHARTERERS

It is hereby notified that Tuesday, 20th September, 1949 has been declared a Weather-non-working day.

N. GARLAND,
Acting Director of Marine.
Marine Office,
Hong Kong, Sept. 21, 1949.

NOTICE

KUNG YUEN GODOWN

167, Connaught Road,
West

People who have cargo stored in the above godown are requested to take note of the fact that as from 1st November, 1949, the classification will be changed from Class "A1" to Class "B1".

Owners of cargo, those concerned with cargo and all insurance companies are reminded that insurance policies should be amended accordingly.

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE

The Trial Meeting which has been postponed, will be held at a date to be announced later.

The Totalisator will not be in operation at the 7th Race Meeting on Saturday, 24th September, 1949.

For the 7th Race Meeting and until further notice, the old Pari-Mutuel Betting system will operate, except that Dividends, and Results will be exhibited on the Totalisator Dividend and Result Boards; also Dividends, Win or Place of any denomination, will be paid out at any position in the Pay-Out Booths.

The new ruling regarding the payment of Dividends when the "All Clear" signal is given and the time when ponies come under the "Starter's Orders" will be effective.

By Order,
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Passengers On
Chak Sang

The presence of the 12 passengers on board the ss. Chak Sang, which hitherto had been a mystery in the inquiry, was clarified at the resumed hearing of witnesses who gave evidence yesterday before the Court investigating the sinking of the vessel earlier this month.

"They were relatives of my folks and boarded the ship some time in the afternoon of September 7," Mr. Wong Kai-kin, No. 2 Compradore told the five-man Court.

The passengers were all safe. Asked by the Court whether the company, Jardine, Matheson, was aware of the presence of the passengers, witness declared "no".

Wong stated he knew that the ship could carry 12 passengers. But he did not inform the master of the ship about the passengers.

Is that the usual way you operate aboard the ship?—No. This was the first time. I have never done it before.

"I did not receive any passage money from them. I thought of collecting the fares for the company when the ship sailed," witness declared.

Was the ship cleared from the Marine Department?—I did not clear the ship myself.

Do you understand that when the master clears the ship he has to declare whether there are passengers or not?—I do not know. Asked how long he had been compradore, witness replied: Since 1947.

The passengers were accommodated in the No. 3 'tween deck, midship station. They could walk about the deck.

They boarded the Chak Sang some time in the afternoon of September 7.

All the 12 passengers were safe after the explosion.

IN THE MATTER OF
The Companies Ordinance, 1932

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IN THE MATTER OF
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MEMBERS' VOLUNTARY
WINDING-UP

NOTICE is hereby given that the creditors of the above-named Company which is being wound-up voluntarily are required on or before the 22nd day of October, 1949 to send their names and addresses and particulars of their debts and claims and the names and addresses of their solicitors, if any, to the undersigned and if so required by notice in writing from the Liquidators or by themselves or their solicitors to come in and prove their said debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in the notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts or claims are proved.

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Dated: September 22, 1949.

NOTICE

THE ROYAL HONG
KONG YACHT CLUB

Notice is hereby given that the forty-second Annual General Meeting of Members will be held at the Club House Kellett Island on Wednesday 28th September 1949 at 6 p.m.

BUSINESS.

(1) To receive the Report and Accounts for the period ended 30th June 1949.

(2) To elect Officers for the ensuing year and other General Business.

JAMES BOYLE,
Hon. Secretary.

Hong Kong September 3, 1949.

NOTICE

CLUB DE RECREIO

LADIES' DANCE
to be held on October 9

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MYLTHE DA SILVA,
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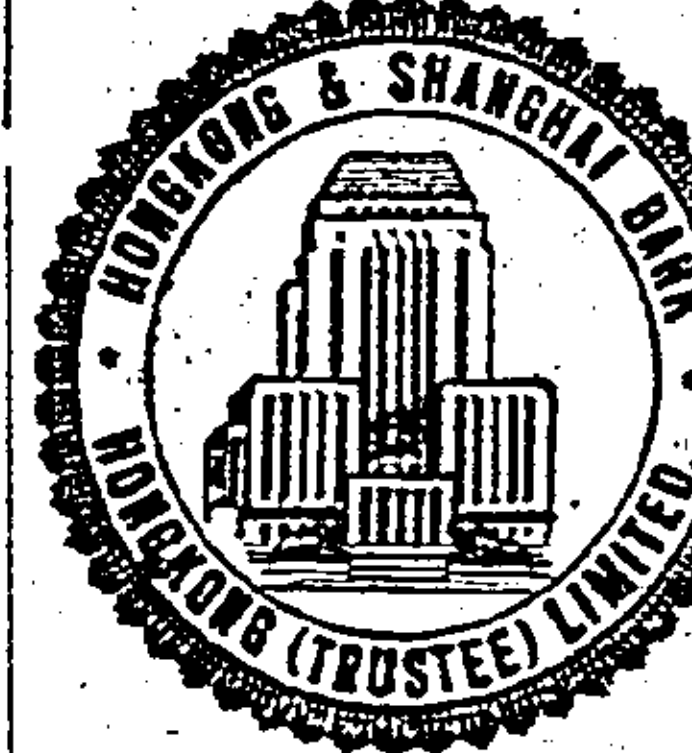


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NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Seventh Race Meeting
Saturday—24th September, 1949

There are ten races, the First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

Through Tickets (10 Races—\$20) may be obtained at the Office of the Treasurer, 1st Floor, Telephone House, also tickets for the special Cash Sweep on the last race as well as those for the "Kwangtung Handicap" to be run at the Double Tenth Race Meeting on 8th October, 1949. Tickets in the Special Cash Sweep on the last race and those for the "Kwangtung Handicap" may be purchased also at the Club's Branch Office, No. 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10 including tax are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all chits, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurer's Comptroller Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Telephone House.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27818). NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2 including tax for all persons including ladies and is payable at the Gate. BOOKMAKERS, VICI FAC MEN ETC. WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PRECINCTS OF THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB DURING THE RACE MEETING. MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OBTAINABLE IN THE RESTAURANT IN THE PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

By Order,
D. L. PROPHET,
Actg. Secretary.

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By Dick Turner



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By Shepard Barclay

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SOMETHING TO AVOID
RAISING your partner's minor suit is something to be avoided usually if you can find sound justification for any other action. That is because of the difficulty of taking eleven tricks as compared with that to take nine in No Trumps. A bid of any other suit on the first round, opposite his minor suit, is advisable, even if your suit be the other minor. Showing the probability of your suit being stopped may be the key to his reaching a No Trump game, if he has the other suits in shape.

S K Q 9 6
H Q 8 6
D K
C K 9 5 3 2
S 5 2
H 9 7 5 4 2
D Q 10 6 4
C Q J

S A J 10 3
H K 3
D A 8 7 3
C A J 7

S 8 7 4
H A J 10
D 5 2
C 10 8 4

(Dealer: South. East-West vulnerable)

South	West	North	East
1. Pass	Pass	Pass	1 D
Pass	1 H	1 S	1 NT
Pass	2 D	Pass	3 NT
2. Pass	Pass	Pass	1 D
Pass	2 D	2 S	2 NT
Pass	3 D	Pass	4 D

Many good players would criticize West adversely for his bid of 1-Heart at the first table. He was a smart player, however, and reasoned that his major suit call at the 1-over-1 level was justified because he could advertise his weakness on the next round by supporting diamonds as he did. His bid, as he explained, gave the side a chance to reach a major suit contract if East fitted hearts and a No Trump game if he didn't. He was willing to let his suit length in hearts serve in place of an early stopper, as reducing the heart length in the defenders' hands.

Where the hand was played at 4-Diamonds, exactly ten tricks were taken, with one lost in spades and two in hearts, though more gaudy play could have prevented a spade loser. Can you figure out how? But the No Trump contract produced a game after South led and club 4 for some reason. The Q, K and A were played and diamond A laid down as the sole chance to eliminate the K and produce dummy entries. After the diamond Q, the spade 2 was led to the Q and A, diamond J followed by the spade 5, North playing low and the J winning. Then the club 7 was followed by the diamond 10 and the second round of the suit and switched to a heart, he still could not have beaten the game.

Tomorrow's Problem

S A 4
H 10 9 7 5
D Q 8 2
C 9 5 4 3

S K Q 9 6
H Q 8 6
D A 6 4 3
C Q 10 7

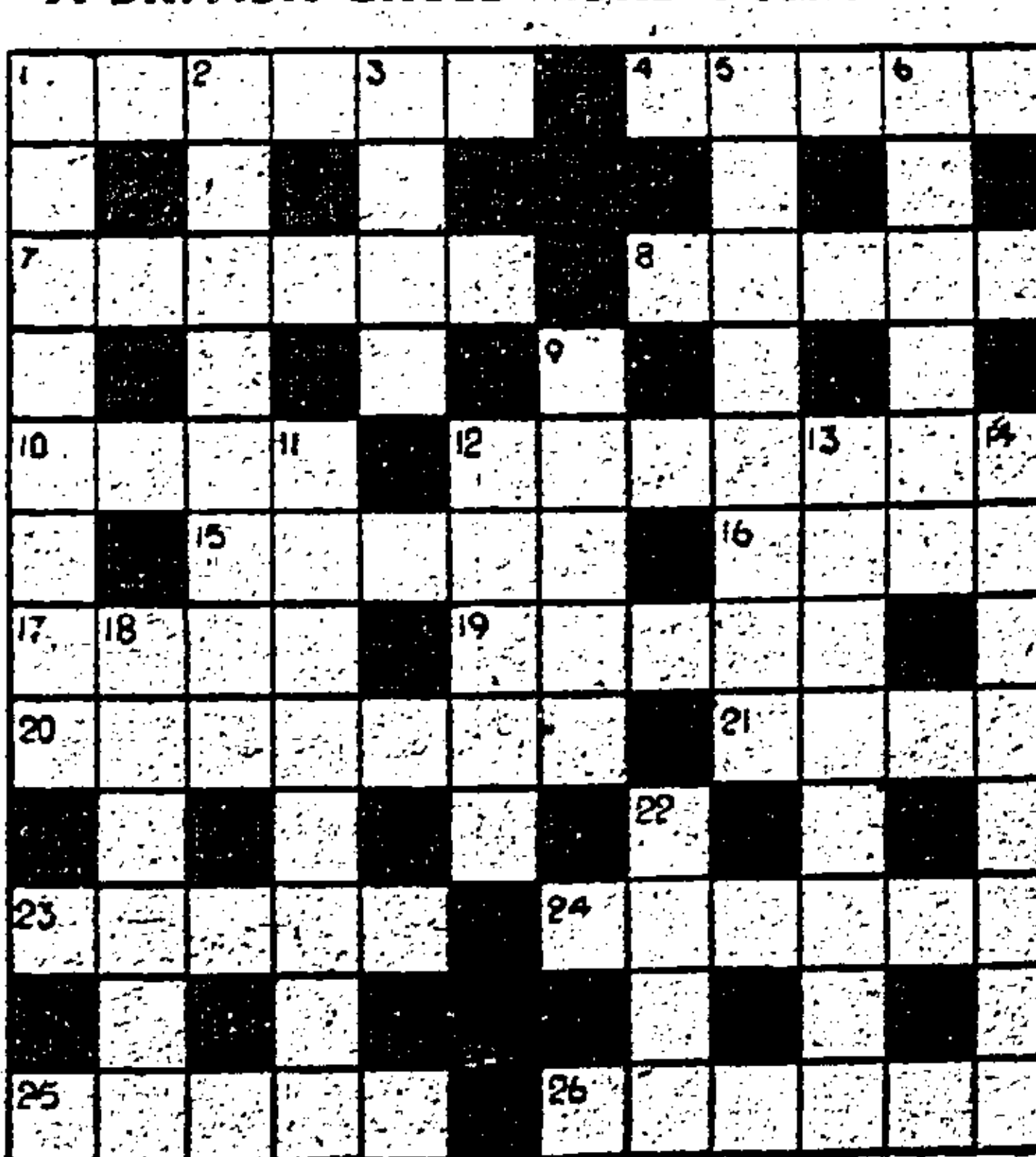
S 8 7 5
H A 8 4 3 2
D K 3
C J 5 2

S J 10 3 2
H K J
D J 10 7 5
C A K 8

(Dealer: West—North—South vulnerable)

With natural play otherwise, what should South do when East eventually leads the spade 8, in the hope of beating 2-Hearts?

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Across

1 Up-to-date
4 Hit hard
7 Smart
8 Bedeck
10 Fast
12 Processions
15 Purport
16 Portable
17 Dance

Down

1 Neither good nor bad
3 Exhausted
5 Go-between
6 Container for soup
9 Lakes
11 Enjoyed
12 Deot
13 Inhabitant
14 Ship accommodation
18 Complete
22 Foolhardy

Yesterday's Crossword
ACROSS—3 Envelope, 8 Velvet, 9 Retire, 11 Consumed, 12 Barn, 13 Tent, 15 Sides, 19 Lie, 22 Seasoned, 24 Course, 25 Enamel, 26 Distend.
DOWN—1 Evict, 2 Blank, 3 Peruses, 4 Item, 5 Amid, 6 Opera, 7 Extend, 8 Topid, 14 Rider, 15 Tassens, 16 Placid, 17 Tennis, 20 Enemy, 21 Adult, 22 Sere, 23 Aged.

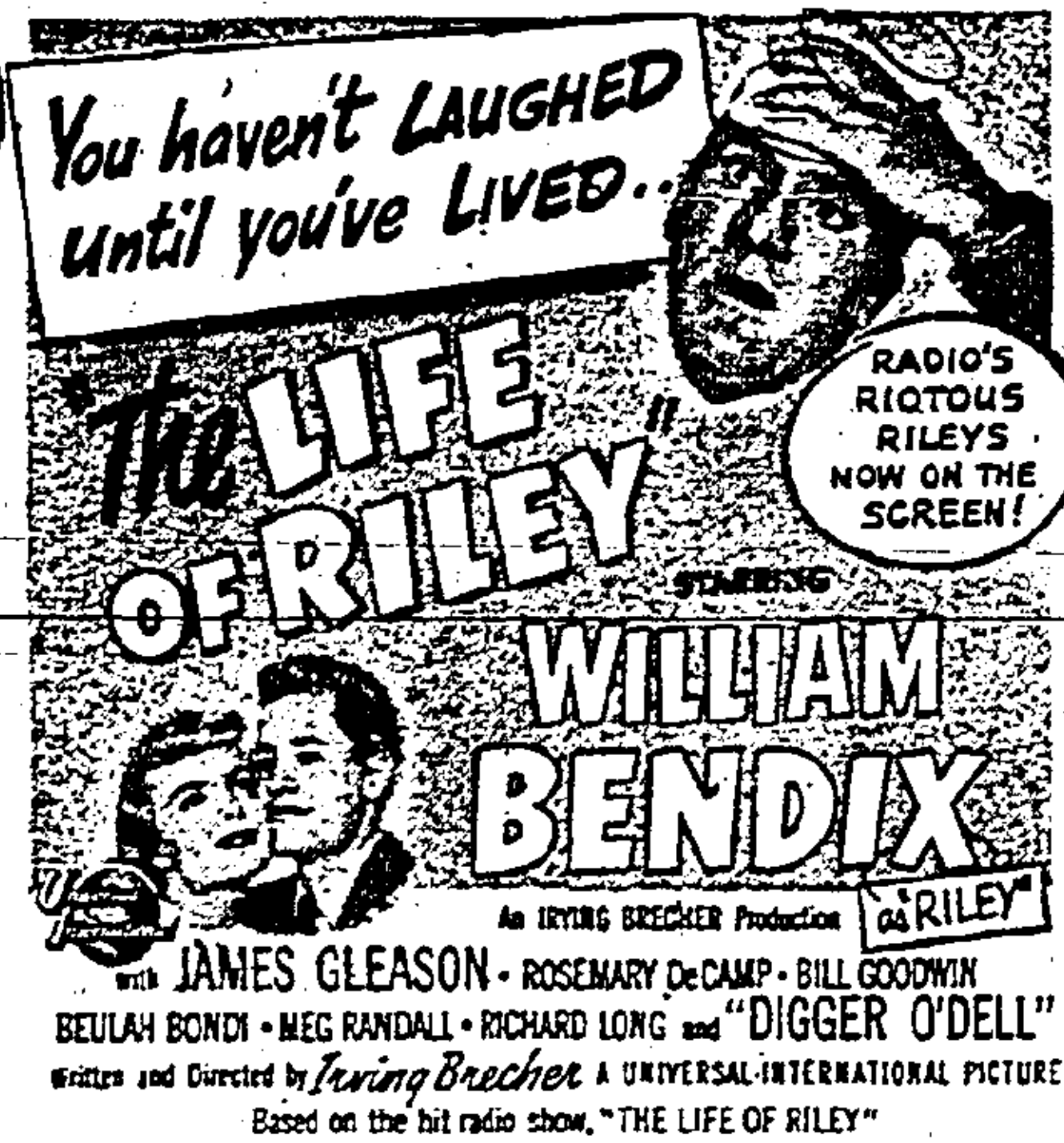
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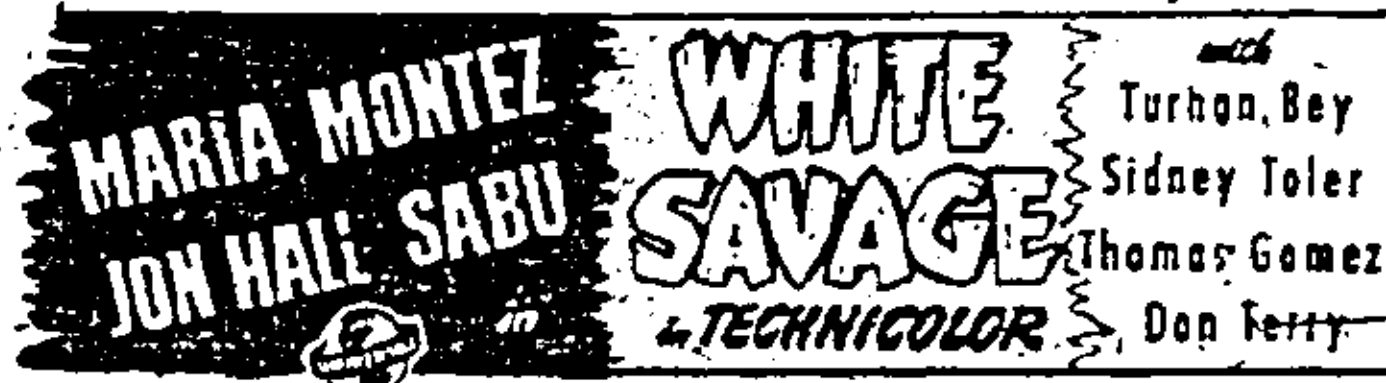
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Tale Of Romance, Spell Of The Sea Due At The Roxy

Rating: ***

A turbulent story of romance and of the fearful spell of the sea on the lives of those who live by it, is told with excitement in "Deep Waters," the new 20th Century-Fox picture which opens at the Roxy Theatre on Sunday. The film brings to screen life Ruth Moore's widely acclaimed best-seller, "Spoonhandle," with Dana Andrews providing an exceptional portrayal as Hod Stillwell, while Jean Peters is equally outstanding in the role of Sann Freeman.



ANN BLYTH
"Marriage and Widowhood"

Wages Of Sin Are Ann Blyth

Rating: **

An exposition of the tenet that the wages of sin can be death is offered by "A Woman's Vengeance," starring Charles Boyer, Universal-International picture opening on Sunday at the King's Theatre.

Boyer plays an English country gentleman in the Aldous Huxley story, a classic of contemporary British literature, whose unhappy marriage to a shrewish invalid is ended by her death in circumstances indicating murder by poison.

Tried in old Bailey, central criminal court of London, he is convicted by an imposing array of circumstantial evidence and sentenced to hang.

All the indiscretions of his reckless past, including a clandestine romance with a pretty young shop-girl, are arrayed against him by an inflexible prosecution. Friends and servants turn against him until there remains only the family physician unconvinced of his guilt.

Boyer turns in a fascinating study of a man who comes to accept an unjust death as punishment not for the crime of which he is accused but as a retribution for his life's mistakes.

Ann Blyth, one of the best of Hollywood's younger emotional actresses, is seen as Boyer's shop-girl sweetheart and later his wife, whose marriage opens with crushing tragedy with fate pushing her toward simultaneous motherhood and widowhood.

Sir Cedric Hardwicke, as the family doctor who refuses to accept Boyer's guilt, is magnificent in a finely-keyed, underplayed role.

Jessica Tandy as the frustrated spinster with the fury of a woman scorned will be remembered for her portrayal of maniacal revenge on the loose.

The picture was directed and produced by Zoltan Korda from Huxley's screenplay.

Director Henry King photographed "Deep Waters" against the natural rugged grandeur of the Maine seacoast, and the picture is suffused with a salty tang and the surge and beauty of the sea that serves to underscore this drama of sharp conflicts.

The film concerns itself with the story of Hod Stillwell, a young lobster-fisherman who can't be torn from his life at sea, even for the love of Ann who insists he pursue a less dangerous means of earning a living. Complications set in with the appearance of an orphan boy who becomes Ann's charge. Danny, the boy, is inevitably attracted by the sea, and just as inevitably—becomes the symbol of the conflict between Hod and Ann.

The drama is swept along in Hod's battle with his instinct for adventure, and in Ann's attempt to meet the challenge of the sea. With their romance and Danny's happiness at stake, the film reaches a stirring climax as powerful as it is truly unusual.

Hod Stillwell is one of Dana Andrews' finest portrayals to date. Andrews has captured every facet of the rugged character and indomitable spirit of the young fisherman, and reflects them in a manner that is both forceful and convincing. Jean Peters fulfills the promise she displayed in "Captain From Castile," with a performance that is richly rewarding in every respect.

Cesar Romero appears as Hod's partner who dreams of quitting the sea and retiring to a farm. Dean Stockwell, the misunderstood orphan, Danny, while Anne Revere appears as his stern guardian.

COMEDY AT THE LEE

Rating: **

Laughs and pathos are intermingled in "The Life of Riley," which tells an honest story of the tribulations and spirited struggles of an American family living in the \$60-a-week income bracket.

Riley, a riveter in an aircraft plant, brands himself a complete failure when he cannot pay his house rent. When his landlady decides to sell the house in which the Rileys live, things look black indeed for the riveter's family. Riley's daughter plans to marry the wealthy and well-to-do son of the boy she loves, in order to help her father out of the predicament.

The Riley girl's sacrifice, almost occurs at a brilliant wedding when Riley's son, Junior, helps his father uncover some skulduggery which saves Miss Riley from a bad match, rewards Riley with substantial financial help and gives him a promotion at the plant, saving the home.

RATINGS

The "China Mail" is using the following classification to indicate to readers the quality of films reviewed:
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** Very Good
* Good
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Robert Taylor plays Rigby, young Government agent assigned to find evidence that will track down a gang of swindlers who deal in surplus airplane motors.

It is he whose honour and integrity are challenged when he falls desperately in love with Elizabeth (Ava Gardner), entertainer in a cheap local cafe. Also involved are Elizabeth's alcoholic husband (John Hodiak), the weak and swinish Benley (Charles Laughton) and the seemingly respectable oil man, Carwood (Vincent Price).

The intrigues by which the various swindlers attempt to out-

wit not only Rigby but also each other are typical Hollywood film fare, as is the climax.

Taylor and Miss Gardner form an arresting new romantic team, and although Miss Gardner has more beauty than acting ability, she fits the bill perfectly. Laughton and Price are at their usual "bad man's best" while John Hodiak is the only one in the film worth scorn and pity.

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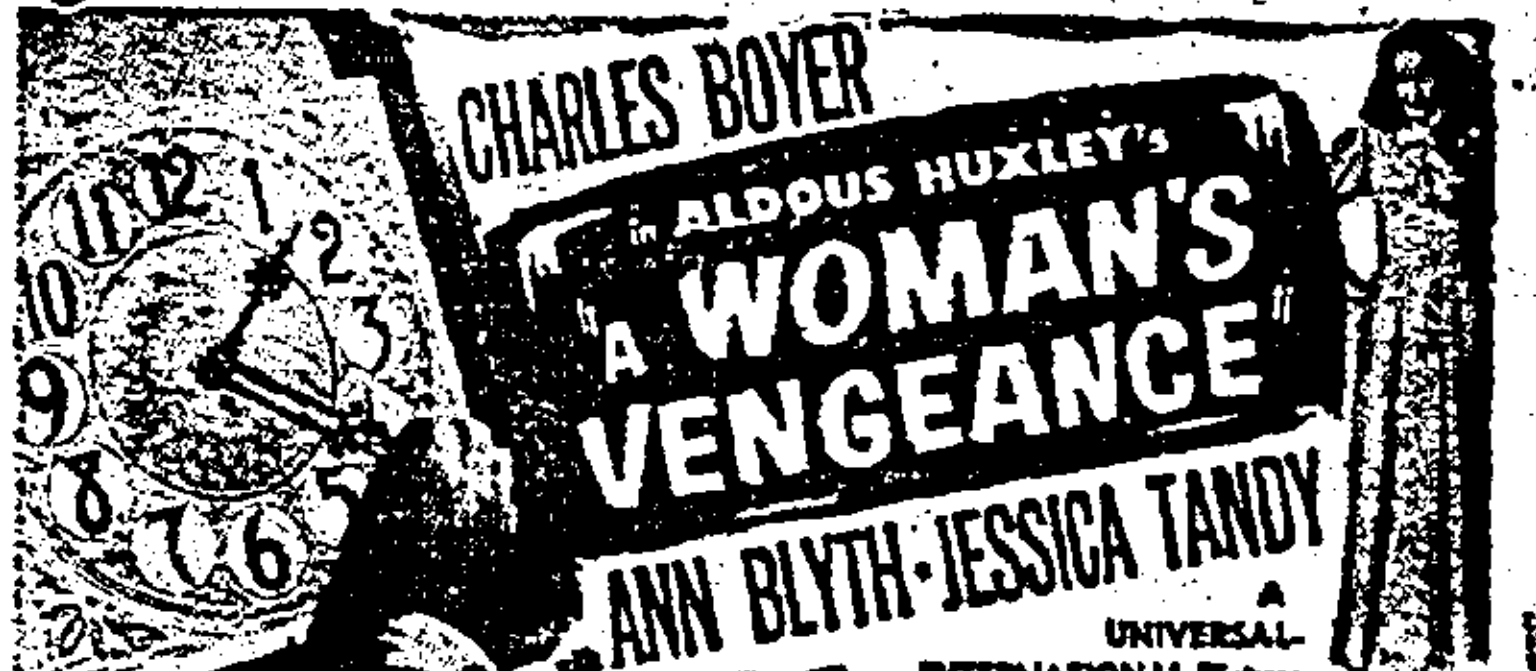
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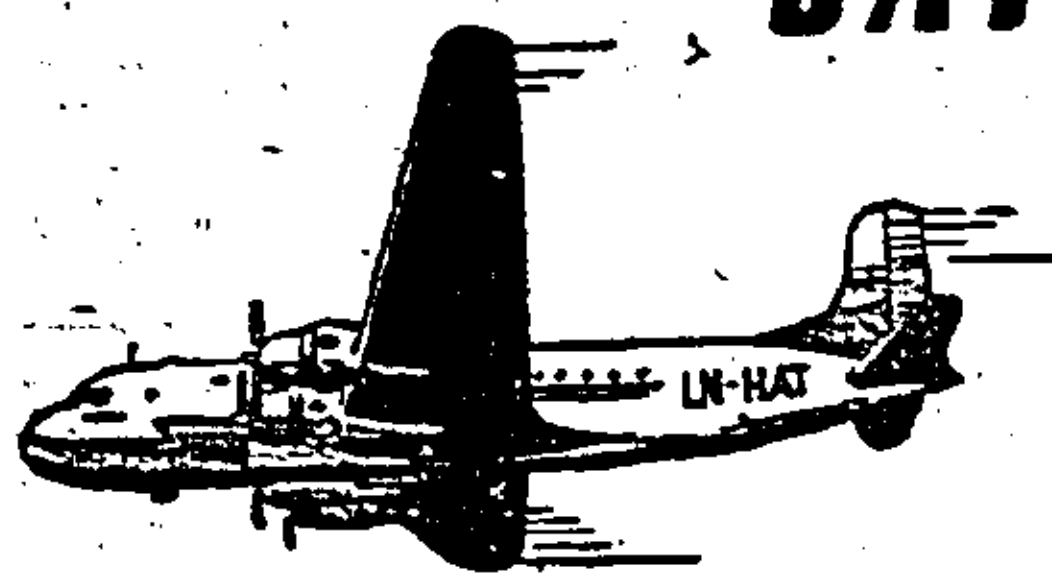


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ABERCROMBIE REPORT

The Abercrombie report has eventually been published. From what we hear, it was not Sir Patrick's fault that his findings were so long withheld from those members of the Hong Kong public who might be interested.

Not that there was any real hurry. No one who knows anything of the workings of the Colony expected that recommendations for town planning with an eye to beauty, health and community convenience would be enthusiastically welcomed by our civic leaders. However, while one cannot expect any material results from the report, except in a few instances, it does have considerable academic interest.

Sir Patrick was emphatic that sooner or later a cross-harbour tunnel must be built. This is one of the most important of all his suggestions, and is linked up with several other basic matters, particularly the removal of the Service establishments from the block of land on either side of Queen's Road. This, in point of fact, is the barrier against all worth-while re-organisation in Hong Kong. (The police, for instance, maintain that nothing can be done about central area traffic congestion until the Naval Dockyard is eliminated.)

The report envisages one entrance to the tunnel on the dockyard site, to emerge in Kowloon presumably North of the present railway station, which would have been moved inland under a remodeling plan for the K.C.R. If and when this is seriously considered, there will be loud squawks from the ferry company, but in actual fact their revenue would be little affected, as has been demonstrated in other parts of the world. It is conceivable that the Navy and Army might in time put into practice their reported willingness to move to a combined location in the neighbourhood of Tytan Bay. There is no better time than the present to bring pressure on them to prepare plans, for even if agreed on, the exodus would be a long and gradual one.

The Abercrombie survey touches on the difficult problem of transferring population from overcrowded areas to other districts, as people tend to cling to the place they live. In Hong Kong this is largely because of inefficient and inadequate communication facilities. If transport services were improved, thousands would welcome living away from the city's dirt, or would at least be happy with their lot when they found they could reach offices, shops etc. from the outside as quickly as they do today. For example, people can be in the centre of London, from Brighton, 50 miles away, by fast electric train as quickly as others who have to crawl through crowded streets by bus from a city suburb.

An exceedingly shrewd observer, Sir Patrick had—judging by some of his non-committal passages—few illusions about the reception his findings would receive. He is unable to resist pointing out that "a large part of the central business area is in the hands of a single estate company" and simply puts it on record that "this should facilitate a unified scheme of re-development." A long-term scheme by which concern has been drafted some time ago, but the for children's playgrounds.

Japan, now in the fifth year of occupation, is the subject of the most intense concern in many quarters of the globe. The MacArthur regime is perhaps the most controversial of any post-war period in history.

Much has changed since 1945, and according to General MacArthur he has succeeded in his intention to destroy the totalitarian system previously in force, to exact a toll for past misdeeds, and to create a nation of people who will forever live a democratic way of life.

Unbiased observers both agree and vehemently disagree with the SCAP leader regarding his frequent public utterances on the success of his plans.

The writer of this article is voicing his own views, not necessarily those of the "China Mail." MacArthur intends to hand back control of their own affairs progressively to the Japanese, and justifies the policy, first, by declaring that the continued presence of Allied troops in Japan "is due to no fault of the Japanese, but rather to events and circumstances" elsewhere in the world, and secondly, by grandiloquent claims concerning the bloodless revolution that has been wrought in Japan in the past four years.

In public, General MacArthur speaks of the Japanese working ardently to fabricate a citadel of freedom from those imperishable norms drawn from the experience of the ages. In private, he is even more lyrical about what he conceives to be happening in Japan, emphasizing that no other country ever got so much democracy so quickly and peacefully.

In a word, the Supreme Commander believes in those perfect occupation statements issued by his headquarters.

Four Distinct Phases

No informed observer would question that the Japanese have travelled a long way since 1945. Such differences of opinion as exist on the matter between SCAP and independent observers concern the direction in which the incurably opportunistic Yamato race has been travelling.

Since V-J Day, Japan has passed through four well-defined mental phases. In the first, in 1945, the country lay almost in total defeat. In 1946, saved from serious food shortages by free American food imports which continue to this day, the Japanese were breathing more easily. The occupation troops had been christened "the visitors," and Japanese cities were holding special "days" to salute "our gallant Allied friends."

By 1947, the Japanese had reached the conclusion that the United States needed the United States, and Japanese industrialists were asking how much longer they had to wait for American loans to get Japanese exports rolling again. Meanwhile, after months of inflation which had rocketed from 15 billion to more than 200 billion, Japan's economy was nearing collapse. Half the food, and a large slice of all goods, were bought and sold in the blackmarket, while "kings" were fast becoming the new Zaibatsu.

Large stocks of critical raw materials were being hoarded management has declined to divulge details to the Press. The publication of the Abercrombie report may, one hopes, lead to a change of mind.

The distinguished planning expert is most restrained when he mentions that "Hong Kong is perhaps more deficient in public buildings than any other town of comparable size in the world," adding that there is no town hall, art gallery, museum, public library, theatre or opera house. He left it to the conscience of those concerned that our wealthy—prefer to erect mansion houses to their memory rather than civic edifices.

He was further prepared to compromise on our unique absence of public parks, merely suggesting that while a broad scheme is being prepared, "there must be no delay in snatching at any small play space or local park that can be preserved from being over-run by the hundreds of users....ever ready to grab any vacant plot. The only point possibly overlooked is that there must be a willingness to snatch on the part of the authorities."

To recapitulate: it would be naive to expect any material results from the report in the near future, but a start could at least be made. For instance, after a few years the Colonial Office might send an inquiry as to what the government here was doing. It would be fine to anticipate this by a meaty report about the protracted investigations that had been made, coupled with the concrete fact that we had, for instance, fixed on two small sites which might be used some time ago, but the for children's playgrounds.

A REVIEW OF JAPAN

By A Special Correspondent

while factories remained idle for want of them. The Japanese government neglected to enforce rationing and price control machinery. General MacArthur, confronted with the facts by alarmed aides, took the view that his headquarters should not interfere in Japan's economic affairs.

At the end of 1948, Washington cracked down hard on the economic mess. Joseph Dodge, a Detroit banker, was sent out to Tokyo to read the riot act. He ordered the Japanese government to balance its budget (for the first time in 15 years) and to introduce austerity measures to narrow the wide gap between exports and imports.

The Japanese, who had settled down easily in the role of "corrupted allies" of the United States, were profoundly shocked that American democrats should talk to Japanese "democrats" that way.

Bomb Damage Erased

The material changes in these four years have been equally striking. Most of the evidence of the B-29 fire raids that destroyed nearly three million Japanese homes have disappeared. Eighty per cent of the debris in Tokyo has been removed. New "matchbox" buildings fill the gaps. The Ginza has been completely renovated. The population of Japan's capital, less than three million at the time the surrender was signed, is now 5,700,000. In a word, the Supreme Commander believes in those perfect occupation statements issued by his headquarters.

In Japan's 87 other bombed cities it is the same story. By the beginning of this year the population of atom-bombed Hiroshima was almost back to the pre-war figure.

Today the Japanese people are, on the whole, better off and better fed than most of the peoples of the Orient. But on an average of 2,800 yen monthly, the Japanese worker still has difficulty in balancing his household budget. It takes 65 per cent of his income to keep the family rice bowls filled. Few Japanese workers have bought a suit since the war. Some do not receive one until a year from their employers are still wearing their army uniforms. So they are grumbling, and in many cases listening to the Communists.

The Japanese nation is now entering the fourth phase of its post-war history. Japan is ideologically and politically almost back to 1931, when the extreme rightists seized control of the government and imposed moderate policies. The reactionaries, headed by Premier Shigeru Yoshida, are firmly in control of the governing machine and are heavily pressuring General MacArthur for permission to curb the Japanese labour movement before the occupation ends by force if necessary.

At SCAP headquarters, one hears less and less about the great experiment in democracy and more and more about the need for strong government. Japan is to be a "strong" nation, and the MacArthur reforms are in many cases being modified or scrapped. Japan's labour movement—the one potentially significant political development in Japan since the surrender—turning more and more to the Japanese Communist Party for leadership.

The strategy of Japan's extreme rightists of sitting out the occupation with broad toothed smiles is paying off. Simultaneously with the firing of more than 250,000 government workers and tens of thousands from private industry, 60 per cent of the 1,500 business leaders, purged for complicity in Japan's military adventures are asking to be unpurged—among them the heads of the Mitsui and Mitsubishi trade octopuses. A SCAP official summed up the economic trend by saying: "Democracy is an expensive luxury that Japan cannot afford!"

Peace Without Treaty

Today, the accent of this occupation is on economic rehabilitation and decontrol. The Supreme Commander's longer orders are merely "suggestions." The target is to get Japan off the necks of American taxpayers while maintaining its status as a "dollar nation" within the United States orbit.

In pursuit of the goal of self-sufficiency, MacArthur has restored many of the advantages of peace without a peace treaty. Japan's foreign trade has been reopened. Its international communications have been restored. Japan is increasing numbers on "MacArthur passports." The tourist trade has resumed. Reparations payments have been suspended. And Japan is still getting the American aid, free American protection and American assistance in every branch of industry which might stop were a peace treaty signed.

The ultra-conservatives of Yoshida's misnamed "Democratic Liberal" Party who form the government are giving top priority to the task of restoring Japan to its pre-war status. To re-establish absolute control over the destiny of Japan, to smash the struggling new trade union movement before the occupation ends, and to recentralise Japan's police forces under the government and revive (suitably camouflaged in

reference to American susceptibilities) the notorious "thought control" police as an additional weapon for keeping labour in its place.

As the situation now shapes, it would not be surprising if the Supreme Commander one day finds himself forced into the position of using American troops to curb Japanese workers' development which would benefit no one except the Communists.

Secret Societies Emerge

The banned ultra-nationalist secret societies, which constituted the main support for the Japanese army's plans for aggression before the war and which today constitute Japan's militaristic underground movement, are actively crusading for the annihilation of all corrupted persons and democracy as the first step in rebuilding the "real Japan."

Members of the notorious "Chrysanthemum Flag Comrades Association" pledge their devotion to have the glorification of the emperor. One of these ultra-nationalist societies, recently formed, has the aim of "uniting all imperialist and nationalist organisations in order to guard our country." Declaring its promoter in a manifesto: "Believing in the Japanese spirit, we will reform not only Japan but also foreign countries."

These rightist organisations are spreading reports that the occupation authorities look upon ultra-nationalist propaganda as a deterrent to the growth of Communism in Japan. Faced with the increasing unpopularity of both occupation policies and of his cabinet, General MacArthur, blandly explaining that he is merely carrying out SCAP orders. The fact is that in the strong line being taken against labour in Japan, it is the Japanese government which is setting the pace in the hope of ditching not only the Communists but also Japan's liberals.

Meanwhile, Japanese industrialists are confronted with the financial problem of explaining Japan's trade with a sterling area that is critically short of dollars, and the political problem of reviving trade links with a Communist China remains cool to a Japan that is an economic appendage of the United States.

In the past six months, Japan's export markets have shrunk calamitously. Foreign contracts signed for Japanese goods plummeted from 113 million dollars in January to 40 million dollars in April, while cancelled orders showed an alarming increase. Conditions in Japan make it difficult to get reliable unemployment figures, but the government anticipates that 1,500,000 industrial workers—or one in 10—will be workless by the end of this month.

The Blueprints Faded

There was a time back in the brave, enthusiastic days of 1946 when even hardshelled correspondents thought some lasting debt might be made in Japan's feudalistic consciousness. In those days, MacArthur's headquarters pulsed with missionary zeal. Re-

forms were being blueprinted at breakneck speed. Everything was going to be "democratised" from the Emperor to Yoshiwara, Tokyo's red light district.

The nation was demilitarised. A democratic constitution was promulgated. Measures were forced through the Diet to break up the Zaibatsu family combines; to purge militarists and ultra-nationalists; to reform the police; to emancipate women; to recast the educational system (great breeding ground of robots on earth); to guarantee workers the right to form trade unions, to bargain collectively and to strike; to end the feudal land system by enabling Japan's downtrodden tenant farmers to own the land they tilled. Utopia was to be created almost overnight on the assembly-line principle.

Despite open obstruction and concealed sabotage by the conservatives in office some progress was made. The trade union movement quickly enrolled more than six million members. The number of Japanese farmers owning their farms doubled—from two to four million. Japanese women began to take an interest in public affairs. The police tried hard to remember to be polite when addressed by citizens. A healthy curiosity developed among many little people about this thing called "democracy." People began asking questions and demanding answers.

Both in MacArthur's headquarters at Tokyo and in the military government teams up and down Japan, a host of earnest men and women toiled to help the good work along and make the reforms "stick." The fact that they did not always realise the depth of the duplicity and opportunism that lurked behind the smiles of Japan's ruling class was not their fault; few of them had ever been in Japan before.

Few Know Rights

Today, the overwhelming majority of the Japanese people still do not have the faintest conception of the true meaning of democracy. Japanese still judge political issues not in the light of any principles, but of expediency—or according to the whims of the moment. Most of them do not know that rights they enjoy under the new constitution and the few who do, and demand them, are in danger of being listed in the police registers as "subversives."

In a word, Japan is rapidly reverting to type. The meaning of a police state. And nineteenth-century General MacArthur's unwieldy headquarters could pack up and go home tomorrow without changing the trend. An American Advisory Group of say 300 civilian experts could give all the assistance now necessary to help the Japanese run their own economic and civic affairs—which the canny reactionaries are fashioning to their own liking. From that assistance, the occupation were confined to American troops in a purely protective capacity. It might be more popular with the Japanese and the Communists would have fewer opportunities to coin vote-getting anti-occupation slogans.

As for the MacArthur reforms, four years after V-J Day the emperor is still worshipped as a god; the educational reforms have been virtually scrapped for lack of funds; the Labour Standards Law is violated by thousands of factories (labour "bosses" are still illegally combing the countryside, signing up cheap labour, and the Welfare Ministry recently reported it had "discovered" that 6,500 children had been "sold" into industrial slavery or prostitution), and the right to strike, guaranteed to all workers under



According to a local advertisement: "This autumn's New Look demands long lovelines.... Blokes with small girl friends are obviously going to save money this season."

A report on the Evils of Gambling, just published, shows that money can be lost in more ways than won.

"Rumour has it that she is going to be strengthened this year with some surprise package" according to yesterday's scintillating report. Jack-in-the-box hormones?

"I love large parties," said Myrtle. "They're so intimate. At small parties there is no privacy."

In some parts of Africa the young men of the tribe play tennis with oranges. The score, it is understood, is juice all the time.

Describing a visit of some troops to its plant, a contemporary yesterday said that after the tour "the men took leave."

It didn't say whether it was French or Chinese.

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According to an authority on the subject, women public speakers are more wordy than men.

The speeches of the female are more deadly than the male's.

An American has just won a divorce on the grounds that his wife constantly criticised his cooking.

Bloke just returned from leave tells about a notice he saw in a London public house: "Whisky 3d. per nip. Tax 1/6d."

"So you wish to leave to get married," Mrs. Banks was saying to her maid. "If 'happily ever after' considered the matter seriously?"

"Oh yes, ma'am, I have," the maid assured her. "I've been to two fortune tellers, and a clairvoyant, and looked in a sign-book, and dreamed on a look of his hair, and I've been to a medium and an astrologer, and they all tell me to go ahead. I'm not one to marry reckless-like, ma'am."

Men still die with their boots on. But usually one boot is on the accelerator.

A pavement artist in England is said to have sketched a life-size elephant.

It was a big draw.

the SCAP-instigated labour reform of 1945, is being denied, with MacArthur's approval, to 24 million government-employed workers more than one third of Japan's organised labour. As Japan's most critical year since the surrender dawns, the prime question is what will happen when, in the fullness of time, the occupation ends. Many Japanese are badly divided. They see it as the choice today lies squarely between the rival totalitarianisms of the right and left, with the Japanese masses, whoever wins, still slavishly obeying orders?

STUDY OF AFRICAN WEALTH

London, September 20.

Three Economic Co-operation Administration (E.C.A.) mining experts left by air for Kenya today to begin a three-month investigation of the mineral wealth of British, French and Portuguese Africa.

W. John Kenney, Minister in charge of ECA in Britain, said the experts will examine possibilities of mineral wealth development in the interests of the native populations and the European powers concerned.

Their investigations will help determine what detailed explorations and specific projects would justify direct monetary help by ECA.

Many of the mineral and metal projects to be looked at have been included in programmes for colonial development submitted to ECA by Britain, France and Portugal.

Britain's blueprint for the capital economic and social development of its whole colonial empire ran into £400,000,000. The mission will be led by Charles E. Sijot, a mining engineer and geologist with 25 years' experience in the United States, Mexico, Canada and Africa. With him will go Lewis W. Ferguson and George Gillette.

The African mineral projects to be explored are Kenya's graphite, Uganda's copper and cobalt, Tanganyika's graphite, Northern Rhodesia's copper and cobalt, Southern Rhodesia's copper, asbestos and copper, Nyasaland's corundum (an abrasive), Nigeria's colomboite and tantalite metals, which are used in high temperatures, the Gold Coast's manganese, Mozambique's (Portuguese West Africa's) manganese, and French Equatorial Africa's industrial diamonds and corundum.—Associated Press.



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SPECULATION ON UK ELECTION THIS YEAR

Just Wishful Thinking By The Opposition?

LABOUR PARTY NOT READY

London, September 21.

Britain's devaluation of the Pound has started a fresh wave of political speculation on the possibility of a general election in November.

But Labour Government quarters lent no support today to the suggestion, which many of the Government's backers ascribed to wishful thinking in the Opposition camps.

Parliament is expected to have an emergency recall for two days next week to discuss devaluation, and speculative reports have suggested that the Conservatives may set down a motion censuring the Government on certain aspects of devaluation policy.

COMMONS MAY BE RECALLED

London, September 21. Sir Stafford Cripps, still lacking support for his devaluation policy from the Trades Union Congress, today agreed to meet its General Council next Monday night, probably the eve of the reconvening of Parliament.

The TUC General Council last night refused to pass judgment on the need for devaluation of the pound, a step that will lead at once to increased prices for bread and flour and one that the Government insists requires frozen wages.

The Council appealed to Sir Stafford, who is Chancellor of the Exchequer, to meet it and explain not only the financial step but its possible consequences to organised labour. Sir Stafford agreed.

Mr. Herbert Morrison, the Labour Government's Parliamentary leader, is flying home tonight from Southern France to confer with the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee.

Mr. Morrison and Mr. Attlee will decide to recall Parliament for an extraordinary session of two or three days, probably starting on Tuesday next week. The Cabinet will probably meet on Thursday or Friday. Sir Stafford has already started drafting his speech to Parliament. He will face severe criticism from both the Conservatives and some members of his own Party.—United Press.

GENERAL FACING EVICTION ORDER

Tokyo, September 21. The Siamese Government intends to ask General Douglas MacArthur for the eviction of Lieutenant-General H.C.H. Robertson, Commander of the British Commonwealth Occupation Forces, from his house in Tokyo, a Siamese Government representative stated here today.

The house is the property of the Siamese Government, the representative added. When free it will return to its former use as the Siamese Embassy. General MacArthur's Supreme Command Headquarters is likely to discourage any such application for an eviction order.—Reuter.



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New Truce In Steel Dispute

Washington, September 21. The United States Steel Corporation today accepted President Truman's request for a new six-day strike truce and agreed to bargain with the steel workers' union.

The President had asked that the truce be maintained until 5.01 a.m. GMT on October 1, in the national interest.—Reuter.

Balkans A Threat To Peace

Athens, September 21. Foreign aid being given to the Greek guerrillas, primarily by Albania, represents a threat to peace in the Balkans, the United Nations special commission on the Balkans said today.

A supplementary report also asserted that the Greek armed forces have eliminated organised guerrilla resistance along the Northern borders of Greece.

The Yugoslav Government, it said, has supplemented its recently declared policy of closing its frontiers.

UNSCOB asked the General Assembly of the United Nations to repeat its request to Bulgaria and Albania to immediately cease from aiding the guerrillas and to solemnly draw the attention of Albania in particular to the increased gravity of the threat to peace in the Balkans that would ensue should its call be disregarded.

The Greek Government has announced that it plans to invoke Article 51 of the United Nations Charter to invade Albania in self-defence if any new aggression occurs.

The report also requested permission for observers to operate in Albania, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia to see if guerrillas who have entered those countries have been disarmed and interned.

Referring to the estimate of 28,000 Greek children abducted in the past 18 months, UNSCOC condemned in the strongest terms the violation of fundamental humanitarian principles.

Children of adolescent age have been sent back to Greece to fight in the ranks of the guerrillas.—Associated Press.

TREASON TRIAL ENDING

Budapest, September 21. On the last day of the Rajk trial in Budapest today, after the prosecution had asked for the death sentence for all the accused, defence counsel asked that the trial be adjourned.

"We cannot defend the deeds of the defendants but can only try to defend their persons," the defence pleaded that the accused were merely "tools" of the Americans and Yugoslavs and asserted: "Tito and the imperialists should sit in the dock as the chief defendants."

"Rajk was only a tool," said Elek Kaszo, counsel for the number one defendant. "Such crimes as his would not exist if there were no warmongers."

One lawyer asserted: "It is only for the time being that Tito and the imperialists are not in the dock."

The defence counsel repeatedly stressed the difficulty of their tasks, one declaring it would be easier to defend some one who had killed his father.

Several counsel also pointed out that their own duty was to help build socialism.

They frequently quoted Soviet Foreign Minister Vyshinsky's declarations when he served as prosecutor in the great Moscow purge trials of 1937.

"Here we have only to insert 'the dark forces of imperialism' where Vyshinsky mentioned 'Fascism' said Attorney Laszlo Szilagyi, speaking for the defendant Szilagyi.

The court adjourned after the closing speeches by the defence counsel. It will resume at 9 a.m. on Thursday when the defendants will have their chance for a "last word" in court.—Associated Press.

INDIAN ENVOY SEES ATTLEE

London, September 21. The High Commissioner for India, Mr. V. K. Krishna Menon, called on the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, today and remained with him for 40 minutes.

It is believed that they discussed the latest developments in the Kashmir dispute.—Reuter.

KING GUSTAV

Stockholm, September 21. King Gustav of Sweden, who is suffering from bronchitis, was weak today after a night disturbed by bouts of coughing.—Dr. Casserman, the Royal physician, announced.

The 51-year-old King, who is on his Oland Island estate in the Baltic, is travelling to Stockholm by train tonight to hold a Cabinet meeting tomorrow morning.—Reuter.

FRENCH LABOUR'S ATTACK ON DEVALUATION

Paris, September 21.

The French General Confederation of Labour today condemned the devaluation of the French franc against the dollar and demanded immediate wage increases to offset the anticipated rise in the cost of living.

The Communist-led Confederation, the largest union body in France, said in a statement: "Devaluation is a traditional means of impoverishing and exploiting the working masses."

"The devaluation which has just taken place is, moreover, to the profit of the American trusts and to the detriment of our national interest," it added.

It called on workers to react against the devaluation and strive for a "Government of Democratic Union" by pressing a claim for:

1.—A holiday bonus of 5,000 francs for all workers and 1,500 francs for dependants.

2.—A temporary cost of living indemnity of 3,000 francs for all workers.

3.—Certain individual wage-hour increases.

4.—The re-introduction of collective contracts (the same salary for all workers in the same profession or the same basic salary for all workers in the same region).

5.—Free discussion of wage conditions.

6.—An increase of unemployment benefits from 150 francs per day to 250 francs.

7.—A return to the 40-hour week with the same pay as for a 48-hour week to prevent unemployment.

Strike Threat

In a speech to the Anglo-American Press Association of Paris tonight, the anti-Communist trade union leader, M. Albert Bouzanguet, said that France may be faced with "insurrectional strikes" as a result of the devaluation.

M. Bouzanguet, who is Secretary of the "Labour Force" Confederation of Labour, said: "If the Government wants to avoid a social crisis, which might go as far as insurrectional strikes, the freezing of wages must be abolished."

The cost of living had increased by 21 per cent since the beginning of the year, he added. It is learned in usually reliable quarters tonight that the Government has practically decided to increase some wages.—Reuter.

U.S. ENVOY TO NETHERLANDS

Washington, September 21. President Truman today nominated Mr. Selden Chapin, a State Department career officer, as Ambassador to the Netherlands to succeed Dr. Herman Baruch, who resigned recently.

Mr. Chapin has been serving as an adviser to the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, since he was brought back from Hungary early this year. His recall from Budapest was demanded by the Communist Hungarian Government after he was named in the testimony at the trial of Cardinal Mindszenty. Mr. Chapin denied being involved and was supported by Mr. Acheson.—Reuter.

GERMANY'S DEMAND FOR TERRITORY

Warsaw, September 21. A Polish Government spokesman, asked for his comment on Tuesday's demand by Dr. Konrad Adenauer, new West German Chancellor, for the return of Germany's former Eastern territories, curtly replied: "I do not care to comment on the statement. I do not care for it."

Since 1945 Poland has resettled nearly 600,000 people, mainly from Polish territory ceded to the Russians, in the areas formerly belonging to Germany East of the Oder-Niese river line.—Associated Press.

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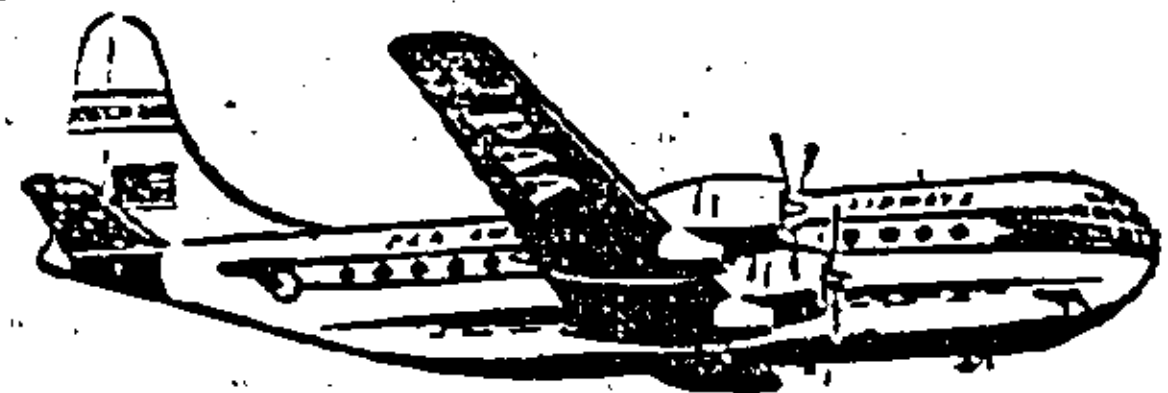
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NOVEL SUGGESTION

CLEARING HOUSE TO DISPOSE OF WORLD FOOD SURPLUSES

London, September 21.

International experts today called for a \$5,000 million clearing house which would prevent some countries destroying surplus food while people in other parts of the world starved.

In a report to the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation, the experts said that the proposed clearing house would build a bridge over which surpluses could move to areas which were short of food.

They warned that unless an early solution is found surplus countries will pay to restrict or destroy production. This would cause the economic idleness of farm resources, bringing unemployment to many workers.

Importing countries will have high prices and reduced consumption of food.

And at both ends, the experts declared, regimentation and restriction will increase and dumping or anti-dumping practices will grow, further disorganising international trade.

The Director-General of the FAO has submitted the experts' report to member Governments with a strong recommendation for approval and implementation.

The experts were called in by the FAO last June when the Organisation sensed danger that some countries were going to have unsaleable agricultural surpluses while other peoples went short even to the extent of starving.

The men chosen for the job were Professor J.B. Condliffe, of the University of California, Mr. Colin Clark, Director of the Bureau of Industry and Economics, Queensland, Australia, Mr. T. Gallarati, of Harvard University, Dr. Ghosh, Economic Adviser to the Jute Mills Association, India, Mr. Gustave Polit, Economic Adviser to the Latin American Economic Commission, and Mr. R. Radomysler, of the London School of Economics.

Disposing Of Surplus

They reported today that farm surpluses are already appearing mainly in the dollar area, but later perhaps elsewhere.

The experts suggested that international commodity clearing house (ICCH) which they proposed would be open to all nations who are members of the FAO or the United Nations.

Its capital would be contributed in national currencies, 20 per cent being paid up immediately and the remainder called up as required.

The clearing house might ultimately have long-range functions in world trade, but for the next few years it would concentrate on two methods for disposing of surplus food to the right places.

1. The exporting country would sell its surplus to the ICCH at the full market prices.

2. An exporter might sell his surplus to the ICCH at a reduced price if payment was made in immediately acceptable currency.

3. The Board running the clearing house would be composed of 15 people chosen for their ability and experience in commodity trade.

Lord Bruce of Melbourne, Independent Chairman of the Council of the FAO, told a press conference here today that he backed the proposal. He strongly criticised Governments for being slow in recognising that the problem of potential surpluses was in sight.

Today, he said, surpluses were in sight for cereals, sugar and fats, particularly in the hard currency areas.

"Not a single government has done anything about it," he said.

SINGAPORE WARNING ON PRICES

Singapore, September 21. The Colonial Government in Singapore, as a first move towards the stabilisation of prices, today warned traders that controls will be invoked if merchants increase their prices under the excuse of the recent pound devaluation.

A Government communiqué appealed to the public to refrain from paying increased prices and stressed that the Malayan dollar is still worth the same as before within Malaya.

The Colonial Government also issued a warning that the Federal Government has ordered the freezing of wholesale and retail prices with effect from Wednesday at the levels existing before September 17.

The order, which exempts rubber, was taken under the Price Control Ordinance of 1946—Associated Press.

Increase In Egyptian Cottons

Alexandria, September 21. The cotton and stock exchanges closed on Monday and Tuesday following devaluation of the Pound Sterling—re-opened this morning with prices tending upwards but without any spectacular rises.

The Government has allowed free market operations, suspending price controls until price levels are established.

The opening prices of both cotton and shares were slightly under the prices of curbside transactions of the previous two days.

Long Staple Karnak—November 73 Rials per Kantar, later 73.15, January 63.75.

Short Staple Assiout—October 54.70, later 55.40, December 54.50, later 55.

(A Rial is 1/5 of an Egyptian Pound. A Kantar is a weight measure equivalent to 100 Pounds.)

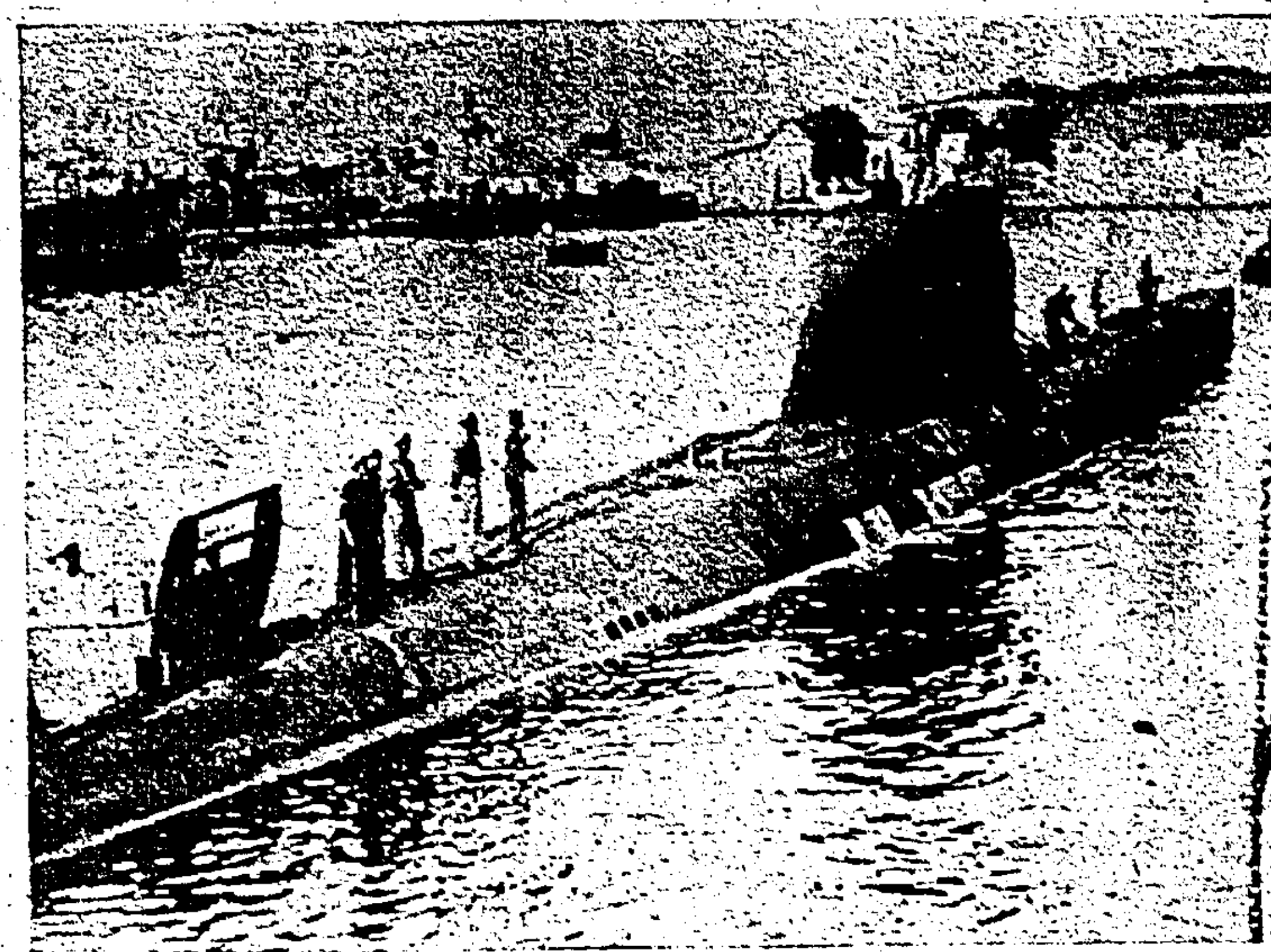
The stock market opened hesitantly. Egyptian Government loan bonds were firm at £99.5 (Par is £100).

Suez Canal Company 3% bonds based on the price of gold readjusted from £47 to £53.5.—Associated Press.

SPAIN DISCUSSES DEVALUATION

Madrid, September 21. Don Manuel Villa, Director of Spain's Foreign Exchange Control Board, flew to Galicia today to discuss possible devaluation of the Spanish peseta with the Minister of Industry and Commerce, Juan Antonio Suanes.

No official announcement on the peseta has been made but a meeting of the Cabinet under General Franco is to be held on Friday night to discuss the question.—Reuters.



The French crew stand on the German submarine 25-18 after its arrival in Toulon, France following a 17-and-a-half-day completely underwater voyage from Lorient, French port on the Atlantic.—AP Photo.

TWENTY-FOUR NATIONS FOLLOW BRITISH LEAD

London, September 21.

Four nations—Spain, Argentina, Chile and Uruguay—were still uncertain tonight whether or not they should devalue their currencies as the total of nations following Britain's lead mounted to 24.

Those countries which have already devalued their currencies are: Britain, Australia, Greece, Holland, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Iraq, Israel, Luxembourg, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, South Africa and Sweden.

The West German mark is expected to follow soon. Latest news of the devaluation position follows:

Portugal: The Portuguese Government today devalued the escudo in terms of dollars and Sterling.

The new rate for the dollar was fixed at 28.75 escudos compared with 24.95.

The Sterling rate is 80.50 escudos compared with 100.50. This represents a depreciation of about 15 per cent.

Belgium: The Belgian Government early today announced devaluation of the franc by about 12 per cent in relation to the dollar—compared with Britain's cut of 30 per cent.

The rate for the Pound Sterling was adjusted from 176 to 140 francs.

The new dollar rate is 50 francs. A Government spokesman in Brussels said that Belgians generally were unlikely to find the cost of living affected.

Belgium's ability to limit her devaluation means that she still holds a favourable position, he declared.

Swiss Fears

Turkey: Competent circles in Istanbul said that the Turkish currency would not be devalued.

Switzerland: The Swiss tourist industry stands to lose its three biggest customers as a result of devaluation in Britain, France and Belgium.

Swiss National Bank officials denied that any devaluation was envisaged at the moment, but some commercial circles thought that it would have to come sooner or later.

Germany: The West German Government, meeting at Bonn tonight, decided on plans for the devaluation of the mark, to be submitted to the Allied financial advisers.

After the meeting, a delegation of four Cabinet Ministers and three representatives of banking institutions left to confer with the financial advisers. The delegation was authorised to announce the devaluation of the West German mark tonight if the Allied representatives agreed immediately.

Rouble-Sterling Rate Changed

The Soviet Zone Economic Commission announced tonight that the East Mark would not be devalued. "The mark of the Deutsche Notenbank (the East Mark) is the only stable currency in Germany," the Commission announced.

Baghdad: The devaluation of the Iraqi dinar in line with Britain which was announced by the International Monetary Fund in Washington yesterday, came into effect today. The Iraqi dinar is now valued at \$2.80 against \$4.03 previously.

The Iraqi Finance Minister said that the new rate for the dinar would be 248 gold grammes.

Brussels: The Belgian Minister of Economic Affairs, M. Jean Biebuyck, tonight announced that a law would be introduced placing an official maximum retail price in Belgium on all dollar area goods.

This price would be that charged just before Belgium devalued her currency yesterday.

The Minister told Belgians that for many years conditions in their country had been better than in the majority of the other European countries. "This will continue to be the case," he promised.

Moscow: A change in the rouble-sterling rate to 14.84 to the Pound Sterling was announced today by the Soviet State Bank for Foreign Trade.—Reuters.

AUSSIE VIEWS ON CRISIS

Canberra, September 21.

The leader of the opposition, Robert Menzies, speaking in the budget debate in the House of Representatives, said that the Opposition would not challenge Prime Minister J. B. Chifley's very difficult decision in maintaining the existing sterling-Australian exchange rate.

Mr. Menzies said, however, that Sir Stafford Cripps' decision on an unexpectedly heavy depreciation was not so intelligible.

Mr. Menzies would mean that Britain would have to sell 44 per cent more goods in the United States to break even. This means he said, that devaluation would provide no real benefit unless British exports to the U.S. increased 150 per cent.

If Britain is unable to make a great production drive in the face of her present full employment, her exports to non-dollar markets like Australia must dwindle. Australia must either get these goods from other sources or step up her own production, otherwise demand will force prices up beyond reason, Mr. Menzies said.

"Surely Germany and Japan will once more become big exporters. They will come back when the United Kingdom cannot supply us. Then they should gain a share of our trade."

"If the United Kingdom's share of our trade reduces our export trade to the United Kingdom will be imperilled."

Mr. Menzies warned that the higher cost of goods from dollar areas might force British wages and production costs upward and asked: "What then becomes of the idea that you can enter the dollar market in a big way and sell goods at prices the dollar countries will pay?"

He added: "I don't say that Cripps was wrong, but devaluation, far from solving the problem, raises a series of subsidiary problems which will need drastic action if the scheme is to work."

The Defence Minister, John Dedman, following Mr. Menzies, said he did not believe that mere juggling with currency would correct the basic imbalance between the productive capacity of the dollar area and the rest of the world.

He added: "I am not optimistic about the effects of devaluation in meeting the dollar shortage."—Associated Press.

EXPLANATION BY PAKISTAN

Karachi, September 22.

The Pakistan Government announced today that its decision not to devalue the Rupee was made to protect the interests of producers of exportable raw materials, to reduce the general cost of living and to maintain conditions favourable to industrialisation in the country.

The Finance Ministry said in a 400-word communiqué that Pakistan's balance of payments position did not necessitate devaluation.

Exports could not benefit from devaluation because they consisted almost entirely of raw materials and did not admit of any appreciable expansion.

By maintaining the value of the Rupee Pakistan would be in a position to secure capital goods and raw materials without any additional cost and in some cases at even more favourable prices than before.—Reuters.

Rome, September 21. An Italian peasant, Antonio Santopolo, has died in a Southern village near Catanzaro at the age of 107. He left 14 children and 35 grand-children.—Reuters.

U.S. Concession To British Trading

Washington, September 21.

Government leaders pushed ahead today with a plan to let Britain increase trade with Western Europe at the possible cost of American exporters.

Senator Kenneth S. Wherry, Republican floor leader, said a proposal laid before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Tuesday by the Treasury Secretary, John Snyder, would allow Britain to go to West Europe for many things she now buys in America for dollars.

Senator Wherry described the plan as another blow at American business.

Mr. Snyder advised committee members of a proposal to let Britain take advantage of the escape clause in the 1946 British loan.

By doing so, she could ease the ban against imports from other Marshall Plan countries while keeping intact the British curbs on American products.

ECA's chief, Mr. Paul Hoffman, told Senators he will keep a special watch on these operations if the proposal is approved by Congress and the British alter their trade quotas for European countries.

He assured the Senators he would protest vigorously if Britain attempted to use American dollars to finance any trade with Marshall Plan countries.

The purpose of the plan, he said, is to stimulate the exchange of goods in Britain and is one which will help everybody economically.—Associated Press.

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Shanghai, September 21.

Extension Of Jap Fishing Grounds

Tokyo, September 21. General Douglas MacArthur's Headquarters today announced an extension of Japan's authorized fishing waters to the East and a restriction in certain other restrictions on Japanese fishing operations.

It warned the Japanese Government that this did not establish a precedent for any further extension of authorized fishing areas, nor was it an expression of Allied policy on the ultimate international boundaries of fishing in the area.

Further relaxations on Japanese fishing activities would depend primarily on the actions of the Japanese Government and the fishing industry.—Reuter.

ARMS FOR GERMANY URGED

Washington, September 21. Senator George, Georgia Democrat, told the Senate today that Germany should be permitted to develop some military strength because she would be indispensable if Russia should attack the West.

Senator George spoke on the third day of debate on the Administration's \$1,314,000,000 foreign arms aid bill.

Senator George said: "If danger from Russia is imminent, as some Senators seem to think, we are very short-sighted to continue to tear down arm factories in Germany."

Cautioning against driving Germany into the arms of Russia, Senator George said that the Germans can also give security to West Europe.

Senator George urged the Senate to cut in half the \$1,000,000,000 proposed for rearming the North Atlantic countries.

The test of strength in the final voting on Thursday appears certain to come on the amendments by Senator George, Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Senator George also demanded that Congress be given a voice with the President in approving any defence plans with the North Atlantic area.

Senator Dulles, Republican, New York, urged approval of the bill as it stands.—Associated Press.

Cambodian Assembly Dissolved

Saigon, September 21. King Norodom Sihanouk, 27-year-old ruler of Cambodia, has dissolved the Cambodian Assembly and called upon the Assembly Speaker to form a new Government.

The King was reported to have dissolved the Assembly at the request of Premier Yem Semboeur (Democrat Party) after Parliament had passed a motion of non-confidence in the Government.

Reasons for the disagreement between Cabinet and Parliament were obscure, reports said.

The two main Cambodian parties are the Democrats, who had a majority, and the Liberals.

Other parties include the Khmers Issarak, a national autonomist group which fought against French troops and is to some extent associated with the Indochinese Vietminh.

Usually well-informed circles here expect the new Government to be a coalition of national union.—Reuter.

ITALY ACCUSED BY MOSCOW

Moscow, September 21. The Soviet Government, in a note to Italy, Britain, the United States and France, which was published tonight, repeated the accusation that Italy was violating her peace treaty by adhering to the Atlantic Pact.

The note said that the responsibility for the "violation" rested with Britain, the United States and France.

On July 28, Italy replied to the first Russian note alleging violation of the treaty and countered with charges that Russia had violated the treaty by opposing Italian admittance to the United Nations.

Tonight's note said that the Soviet Government had never objected to the admission of Italy as a member of the United Nations together with other States applying for admission.—Reuter.

Shanghai, September 21. Mao Tse-tung today announced the establishment of the "People's Republic of China."

Mao promised that China will henceforth "join the big family of peace and freedom-loving nations of the world," according to Peiping Radio. Addressing more than 600 delegates of the People's Consultative Conference in Peiping, the Communists have "overthrown both foreign and domestic oppressors."

China will work bravely and industriously to create its own civilisation and happiness and will at the same time further world peace and freedom, he said.

China will never more be an "insulted nation," he added.

Mao Tse-tung formally opened the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference.

Addressing "the first plenary session he said the conference could now be convened because we have defeated the Kuomintang reactionary government which is aided by American imperialism."

The more than 600 delegates represent virtually every segment in China, including Chinese living abroad, he declared.

The Conference declares that it exercises the powers of a national people's congress.

Mao listed the following agenda:

1. Framing an organization of a central people's government of the People's Republic of China.
2. Framing a common programme of the Chinese People's Republic.
3. Election of a national committee of the PCC.
4. Election of a government council of the central People's Republic.
5. Adoption of a national flag and national arms of the People's Republic.
6. Determine the site of the national capital.
7. Adopt a calendar which would conform to that used by the rest of the world.

Revolution Not Yet Over

"Despite the formation of the new government," Mao said, "our revolutionary work is not yet concluded."

The Communist chief warned that the "imperialists and domestic reactionaries certainly will not take their defeat lying down."

They will put up last ditch struggles.

"After there is peace and order throughout the country they will engage in sabotage and cause disturbances in various ways and will try to stage a come-back. We must not relax our vigilance."

Mao said that the new China must unite with all countries and peoples loving peace and freedom—especially the Soviet Union and the Eastern European countries.

China's main task now is economic reconstruction but the country has strong assets in the 475,000,000 people and almost 10,000,000 square kilometers.

Japanese Exports At Peak In May

Japan's exports reached the peak in May this year, according to the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East.

In June and July, however, the figures show fairly sharp declines, according to a study made by ECAFE.

For the first six months of 1949, preliminary estimates for the total value of exports from Japan to all destinations average about US\$40,000,000 a month representing an increase in rate of about 85 per cent above the 1948 level.

The recent export declines, according to the study paper, result from the recession in America, a decline of purchases by India, a softening of prices and other evidence of growing competition, and the institution of a single rate of exchange in Japan.

The trend might well be expected to persist for a number of months.

Trade in 1948 between Japan and countries of the ECAFE region had advanced over the low levels of 1947 but was about one-quarter of the 1934 levels, and if price levels are taken into account, a little more than one-tenth.

The collapse of trade between Japan and the ECAFE region, according to the study paper, contributed materially to the dollar shortage, cost in Japan and the countries in the ECAFE region, and the slow resumption of trade has tended to make the shortage persistent.

It shows, however, that trade between Japan and the ECAFE region was larger than Japan's trade with either the United States or the rest of the world and that Japan's favourable balance in her trade with the ECAFE region was \$20,000,000 in 1948.

Trade in 1948 with the United States apart from the relief in-

ports of \$407,000,000, showed a substantial deficit of \$38,000,000. The tremendous post-war imbalance in Japan's trade with the United States according to the study paper, results from the importation of foodstuffs from the United States and the decline of silk market in the United States and the limited availability of other essential commodities from non-United States sources.

The future outlook for Japan, the ECAFE paper suggests, is for smaller volume of exports of raw silk and cotton textiles and a greater volume of metal products and machinery to the countries of the ECAFE region. To the extent that Japan will be able to supply the needs of the ECAFE countries for imported commodities, their dependence upon U.S. sources of supply will be eased.

Likewise, as sources of supply improve in the ECAFE region, Japan will be able to shift her imports from the United States to ECAFE sources. A marked expansion of trade between Japan and the ECAFE region will go a long way toward making the dollar shortage less severe and trade negotiations can be carried on in an atmosphere more conducive to efforts to expand trade still further.

The paper shows that trade between Japan and the ECAFE region is complementary in character. Japan's demand for foodstuffs, petroleum, coking coal, ores and metals, salt, fats and oils, textile fibres, etc. from non-dollar sources should offer a large and growing market for exports from the region.

JAPAN SAFE FOR DEMOCRACY

Washington, September 21. General Robert Eichelberger said today that Japan is safe for democracy—providing the Japanese continue their all-out recovery efforts and help until Japan's economy is re-established.

General Eichelberger, former Eighth Army Commander in Japan, said he was sure that such conditions would be fulfilled.

"Communism in Japan has overshot itself, defeating its own purposes," the General said in an interview.

"Communism there is more dead now than it was a few months ago."

"I am sure that 95 per cent of the Japanese people are anti-Communists. And when the start-telling returned soldiers (repatriated from the Soviet Union) the facts of life, any smattering of Communism these returnees may have absorbed in Siberia will not last long. That is exactly what is happening in Japan today."

General Eichelberger noted the Communist gains in the recent Japanese elections, and commented:

"Communism always takes root in a sick economy, and Japan is sick."

"The fires of recovery have been started in Japan. From here on, American assistance will be required only on a diminishing scale. But it will continue as long as necessary."—Associated Press.

Marquis Romance Rumour

London, September 21.

The Marquis of Milford Haven, salesman cousin of the King and Britain's "Bachelor No. 1," told a reporter today that he had no comment to make on reports that his engagement to Mrs. Romaine Simpson, 27-year-old American, will be announced this week-end.

The 30-year-old Marquis, who is salesman director of a firm of radiator manufacturers, said: "I will not deny it nor will I confirm it."

Mrs. Simpson, dark and attractive former wife of Mr. George Simpson, an executive of the Marshall Field department store, Chicago, is away from Claridge's Hotel for a few days in Scotland.

She has been staying at the hotel for about two weeks.

Mrs. Simpson has been described as a "lonely" and "earnest" American visitor at the present moment.

The Marquis' mother, Lady Milford Haven, at her villa in Cannes last night, denied rumours of the secret engagement of her son to the girl.

Earlier this year the Marquis was reported to be engaged to Miss Sharman Douglas, daughter of the American Ambassador in London. He then dismissed the rumours by saying: "I have got to make some money before I can think about getting married."

Mrs. Simpson has avoided publicity since her arrival in England. Her marriage in 1946 ended in a Reno divorce two years later. She is the daughter of Admiral John Douglas, an officer of the Civil War. Her home is in Park Avenue, New York.—Reuter.

Japanese Crisis A Moral One

Caux, September 21. A moral recovery approach to the crisis in Japan was urged by Mitsuo Yamada, Japanese delegate to the Moral Re-armament World Assembly here today. He said: "The crisis in Japan is a moral one."

Post-war constitution made Japan one of the most democratic nations in its social and economic principles, he said, but this blueprint of democracy was in itself inadequate.

"Moral deterioration and bitter social order prevail now in my nation. This is a poor answer to the benevolent occupation policy of General MacArthur."

"The atmosphere created by the selfishness, love, purity and honesty here at Caux changed me. It has given me the firmest determination to stand against the dominating force of materialism in every walk of my nation's life. I will return to my nation as a champion of inspired democracy to fight for moral re-armament of our country."—United Press.

INDO-PHILIPINE AIR AGREEMENT

New Delhi, September 21. The Indo-Philippine air talks, which started on September 5, concluded today.

A bilateral air agreement between India and the Philippines is expected to be signed by the end of the week.—Reuter.

Britain Decides To Recognise Mao

London, September 21. Britain has definitely decided to extend de facto recognition to a Chinese Communist Government as soon as this is proclaimed, it is believed in usually well informed quarters in London today.

This decision, it is thought, was the outcome of the Foreign Ministers' discussions on the Far East in Washington last week.

The United States Government, it is believed, here, has not yet taken up a definite attitude.

In the Washington talks, the Foreign Ministers of the United States and France are believed to have recognised that Britain's greater commercial stake in China placed the two Governments in rather different positions.—Reuter.

CHINA MAKES APPROACH IN WASHINGTON

Washington, September 21.

China asked the United States today for "clarification" of its new policy in the Far East which the American Government has announced that it is formulating.

The request was conveyed to the deputy Under-Secretary of State, Dean Rusk, by the Ambassador Dr. Wellington Koo, who, after his call, told reporters that he assured the American official that China would defend Canton at all costs and is also confident of its ability to hold Taiwan.

After his interview with Mr. Rusk, Dr. Koo said he made it clear that China felt that in defending Canton and the rest of South China they were not only trying to protect China's interests and independence but also were helping to ward off Communist penetration into South East Asia.

Ambassador Koo said that during a fairly comprehensive survey of the situation in China with Mr. Rusk, he pointed out "Despite all pessimistic prognostications of the friends of the Communists during the past two months we think we have slowed down the Communist advance and even checked them in three or four sectors."

Asked whether he was successful in his request for a clarification of the American policy, Dr. Koo said he secured some information but that it would be up to the American Government to make any statement concerning that.

Dr. Koo was considerably optimistic about the situation in Taiwan.

He said: "In Taiwan the economic situation has become much more stabilised. The island has a separate currency fully backed by gold reserves."

These reserves, which Chairman Kuo said he would use to back the Taiwan currency, and also pay some expenses of the Central Government in Canton, he said.

Dr. Koo said that the gold had been greatly diminished by the expenses of the Nationalist Government in fighting the Communist advance through Shanghai and Poochow earlier this year.

In response to questions on just what type of clarification of policy his Government sought, Dr. Koo said they are interested in knowing what progress is being made by the high level Far Eastern group headed by Philip Jessup.—United Press.

Suez, September 21. The 10,673-ton British tanker, El Morro, carrying crude oil from the Persian Gulf to Swansea, was allowed to pass through the Suez Canal today after the Egyptian authorities had satisfied themselves that her cargo was not destined for Israel. The El Morro, owned by the British Tanker Company, was carrying the first load of crude oil to Haifa since the outbreak of the Palestine war.—Reuter.

Bombay, September 21. The Bombay Government is considering the question of taking over some of the closed textile mills in the Bombay Province, the Minister of Reconstruction, Mr. L. M. Patil, told the Provincial Assembly here today.

Twelve of about 160 mills in Bombay Province closed down early in August on the ground of accumulation of stocks.—Reuter.

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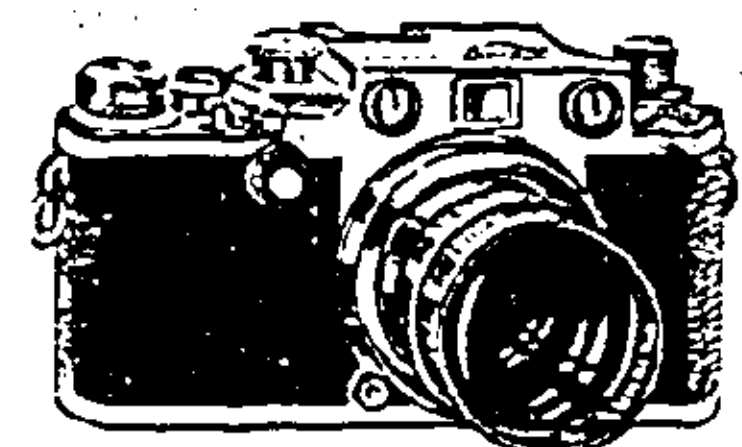
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ACHESON APPEAL FOR A SOLUTION OF PROBLEMS

Flushing Meadow, September 21.
Mr. Dean Acheson, United States Secretary of State, today appealed to the Soviet Union to co-operate in solving international problems. Addressing the United Nations Assembly in the first major speech of the session, the Secretary of State urged the Soviet Union to reverse its previous position on the Greek question and join in seeking a settlement of the problem.

"I believe I express a desire widely shared in this Assembly," he declared, "when I voice the hope that the U.S.S.R., which in the past has not participated in the Balkan Commission, will join in renewed consultations looking towards a settlement of this persistent and serious problem."

"If the Northern neighbours of Greece have come to realise that their own self-interest requires respect for the recommendations of the United Nations and an adjustment of their relations with Greece I feel that a solution could be reached."

The task of the General Assembly was to make its contribution to the resolution of the great problems pressing the world today, Mr. Acheson said.

He pledged for the United States "unreserved support and devotion to a concerted effort to end this."

"We are justified in hoping that persistent effort, geared to the ever-present process of change in human affairs, will eventually produce a more hopeful and a more solid structure of world relationships than we have today," Mr. Acheson continued.

Outline Of Policy

"These major problems which press upon us cannot be solved by national action alone but require common action in the light of the common public interest. The increasing recognition of the concept of public interest in the field of international relations is a significant though little heralded fact of our time."

He outlined United States policy on other major questions before the Assembly as follows:

- (1) Korea: A United Nations Commission should continue to be stationed in Korea.
- (2) Palestine: The Assembly should adopt a practical plan for a permanent international regime in the Jewish areas, and for the protection of the Holy Places; the States immediately concerned should accept their governmental responsibilities toward the problem of Arab refugees.
- (3) Indonesia: "In Indonesia the United Nations are watching an example of the development of a colonial people to freedom and independence and, through co-operative efforts of both parties at the round-table conference at The Hague, a voluntary association for mutual advantage."
- (4) Italian Colonies: The Assembly should work out a plan for a united and independent Libya to be complete within three or four years, and agree on provisions enabling the peoples of Eritrea to join in political association with neighbouring governments, and the peoples of Somalia to enjoy the benefits of the system of trusteeship.

Atomic Energy

- (5) Development of under-developed areas: The United States would give full support to a programme launched by the United Nations in which international action would supplement and support the steps taken by national governments to improve economic and social conditions.
- (6) Human rights in Bulgaria, Hungary and Rumania: The United States favours submission to the International Court of Justice the question whether the three countries are under obligation to carry out the

peace treaty procedures.

Atomic energy control: "The United States is continuing and will continue to strive for an effective system of international control, which would make effective the prohibition of atomic weapons."

"But," he added, "we must state in all candour that unless and until the Soviet Union demonstrates a willingness to co-operate in the world community and in the field of atomic energy, gives evidence of such a willingness by agreeing to a truly effective, enforceable system of international control and prohibition, there is no hope that a basis for agreement can be found."

Slight Criticism Of Russia

- (2) Disarmament: "My Government can be depended on to contribute fully to the creation of the necessary conditions of confidence and, with their attainment, to play its full role in the regulation and reduction of armaments and armed forces."
- In only two portions of his speech did Mr. Acheson offer any note of criticism of the Soviet Union.
- One was his reference to Russia's refusal either to accept the United Nations plan on atomic

ATOMIC TALKS IN U.S.

Washington, September 21.
Representatives of the United States, Britain and Canada today began a search for means of increasing atomic co-operation in the hope of averting a future stalemate that might hurt the West in the struggle against Communism.

The three-nation "working parties" went into action digging out facts on which proposals for stabilising future atomic relations will be based. The policy committee adjourned without setting a time for another meeting.

An American spokesman said the United States wants to straighten out its atomic relations with the British and Canadians on a long-range basis and failure to do so should have a serious effect on the relations in other fields.

The working parties are going into all phases of the situation—raw material supplies, exchange of scientific and technical information, what each nation wants to accomplish in the atomic energy field and possibly the bomb's strategic role in the defence of the West.

One United States spokesman said the British have several atomic "weaponisers" who have been doing intensive research on improving wartime bomb models which they helped to develop. The United States would like to know what they have found out, he said.—United Press.

DOCK STRIKE

Genoa, September 21.
Dockers in Genoa refused to load Italian ships today. The move came as the nationwide seamen's strike, called three weeks ago, when the seamen claimed that the shipowners had not honoured wage and pension agreements. Dockers stopped work today after the crews of the transatlantic Italian liners Vulcania and Marco Polo decided to abandon the strike. Leaders of the seamen's strike said today that the strike is still in force but labour sources predict its total collapse within the next few days.—Reuter.

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Mr. Acheson's Speech An Olive Branch

Flushing Meadow, September 21.
Andre Vyshinsky, Soviet Foreign Minister, was not present at the United Nations General Assembly today to hear Mr. Dean Acheson's plea for international co-operation.

The Soviet delegation was headed by Amassap Arutunian, the Russian economic expert.

Some observers described Mr. Acheson's speech as definitely of the olive branch variety, which left the door open for Russian co-operation.

control or to put forth another effective plan of control and prohibition.

The other was on the general question of security.

"In the Charter," Mr. Acheson said, "we pledged ourselves to settle our problems by peaceful means, and to build up the conditions essential for peace."

"Disregarding these obligations, a small group has persisted in policies threatening other members of the international community."

As a result a profound sense of insecurity has enveloped large areas of the world."

A Universal Problem

"To meet this threat of insecurity in Europe the United States joined with members of the North Atlantic community in a treaty which makes clear, in advance, the determination of the parties to resist armed attack on any of them. The American Republics have undertaken similar commitments under the treaty of Rio de Janeiro. Both those treaties are made pursuant to the principle of collective action to resist aggression embodied in the Charter."

"Methods and procedures to give effect to this principle vary with circumstances. The members of the United Nations and the General Assembly itself must constantly study the means which will lead to the stabilisation of peace."

"In the final analysis, the security problem is a universal problem. It cannot be solved except on a universal basis, through the United Nations."

"Let us proceed with appreciation of the limits of what we can expect to accomplish at this time, with confidence in the long-term values of patience, and with reliance upon the power of common sense in international affairs."

"The public interest of the world community demands that we get on with our business."

Vyshinsky Loses UN Argument

Flushing Meadow, September 21.
M. Andrei Vyshinsky, Soviet Foreign Minister, today failed to persuade the United Nations General Assembly to delete from its agenda discussion on threats to the political independence and integrity of Greece.

M. Vyshinsky made his move in the Assembly's 14-member Steering Committee which allots items to committees.

The Committee approved discussion of the question by 11 votes to two, with one abstention. The Soviet delegate declared that the alleged threats were "mythical" and said that there was no question of threats to Greece.

"The question should be," M. Vyshinsky said, "to put an end to the terror of the Monarcho-Fascist regime in Greece. That is what should concern us, not alleged threats to Greece on the part of mythical enemies from the North."

He repeated familiar charges that chaos had been created in Greece by the presence of British and American military missions.

M. Vyshinsky also demanded that the Committee strike out any consideration of the Korean question.

The Committee approved putting Korea on the agenda by 12 votes to two.

The Committee next turned down M. Vyshinsky's efforts to delete from the agenda discussion

of the report of the Interim Committee (Little Assembly). The vote was again 12 to two. Only Poland had supported the Soviet on any of the votes.

Lie's Proposal

The Committee also rejected the Soviet proposal to throw out further consideration of the formation of a United Nations "field service"—formally proposed by the Secretary-General, Mr. Trygve Lie as a United Nations guard.

A force of up to 300 men has been proposed.

M. Vyshinsky alleged that the proposal was a violation of the Charter and said it was the beginning of an international armed force.

M. Vyshinsky brought roars of laughter when, with a smile, he pictured Mr. Lie "leading his force on a white horse under the blue flag of the United Nations."

"This is farcical," he added. The vote against M. Vyshinsky was again 12 to two.—Reuter.

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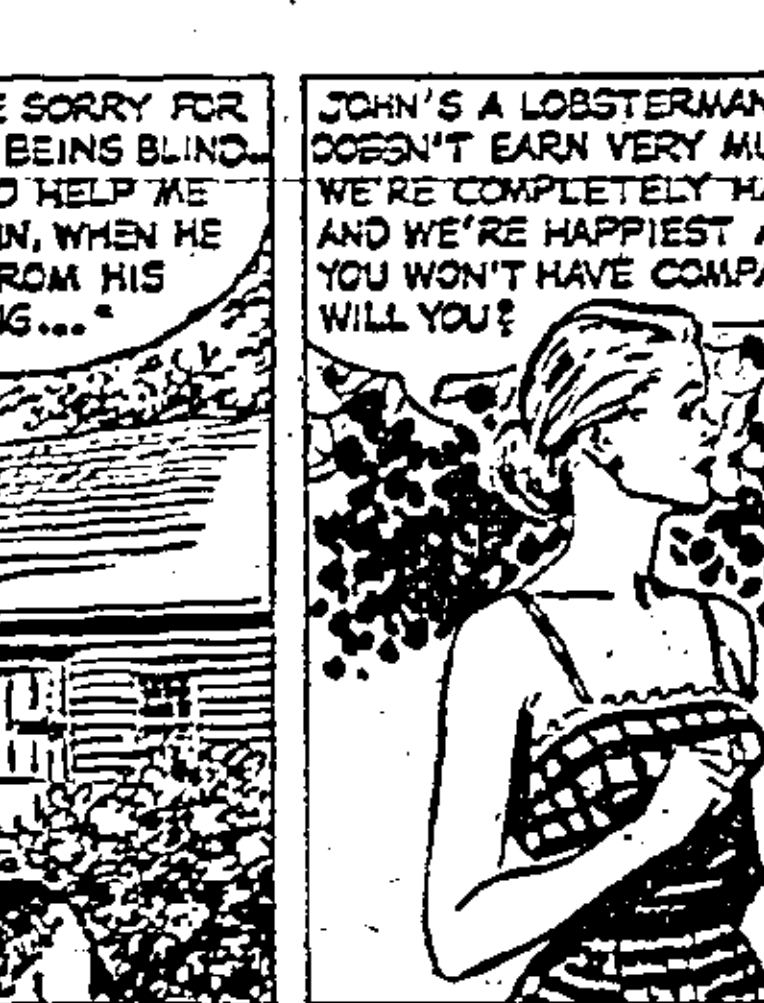


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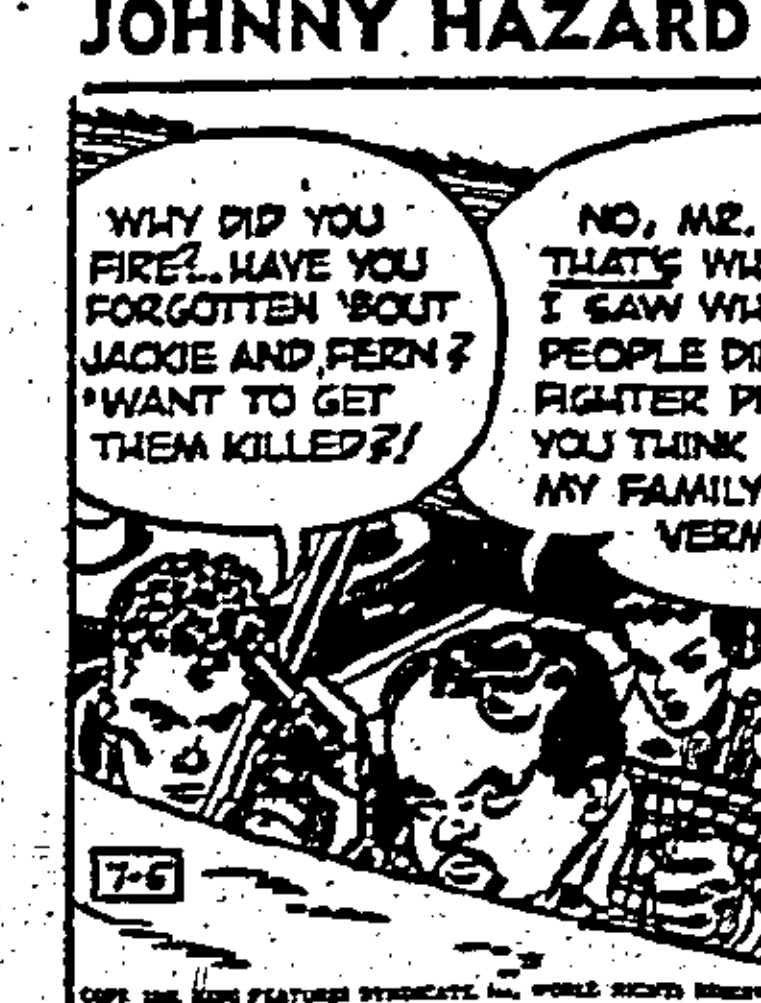
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ACCUSED TRIED TO CHEW NOTES

The trial of an alleged passer of forged Hong Kong banknotes, who is said to have stuffed the banknotes in his mouth to eat them in order to remove the evidence against himself, started at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

According to the prosecution, the accused, Li Seeman, unemployed, did the act during his detention by a mahjong school keeper after he had been caught attempting to pass the forged notes at the mahjong school.

Li was arraigned before the senior Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice Williams, and an all-man jury on two counts of uttering a forged document and one count of possession of forged banknotes.

The prosecution is conducted by Mr. M. Heenan with the assistance of Detective Sub-Inspector H. Tyler. The accused is not legally represented.

Mr. Heenan told the Court that the whole affair took place at a mahjong school at 182 Temple Street, Yaumatei. On the evening of July 31, accused was playing mahjong in the school with a jeki of the place.

At the arrival of another customer, the foki arose and made way for the customer. The foki eventually found that the accused owed him some money as debt arising from the game. On being told this, accused handed the foki two \$5 notes. The foki gave him back his change.

The latter then took the money to the shroff and thence to the accountant of the school, where the money was found to be not genuine.

Crown Counsel went on to say that the supervisor of the place then took the bills, and placed himself near a table where the accused was playing to watch. Shortly after, another foki received a \$5 note from the accused in the course of the game. This he took to the assistant supervisor.

No Surprise

The assistant supervisor at this point took the money to the accountant and pointed out to him that the notes were forged. The accused, it is alleged, took the money and put it in his shirt pocket without showing any surprise, and handed the assistant supervisor some genuine money from another place.

The chief supervisor of the place, who had been sitting nearby, then rose and went over to the accused. He produced the two \$5 notes that had been handed previously by the accused to the first foki.

On having his attention called to the forged nature of these notes, the accused is alleged to have again taken them without expressing any surprise, then handed some real money to the supervisor.

"On neither of these two occasions did the accused express any surprise about the money being bad," Mr. Heenan reiterated.

The accused was then warned that if he insisted on playing in the house, he would have to use genuine money.

The next day, August 1, accused continued to play mahjong in the same place. It was noticed

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Vocabulary:

436. (haan) (3)haan. To limit. To restrict. The limit.

437. (t'it) t'it(3). Iron.

438. (to) doh(1). A knife.

439. (pik) bik(1). To compel. To force. To oppress. Crowded.

Combinations:

19. (2)Yau (3)haan. Limited.

20. (2)Yau (3)haan goong(1) see(1). A limited company.

21. T'it(3) hay(3). Iron ware.

22. Doh(1) d'it(2). A pocket knife.

23. Tsan(1) doh(1). A table knife.

24. Gwaw(2) doh(1). A fruit knife.

25. (2)Keung bik(1). To compel. To force.

General Expressions:

11. (3)Haan jai(3). To limit. To restrict.

12. Dung(1) gay(3). To record. To enroll. To register. Enrollment. Registration. Registration of Persons.

13. (1)Yun-hau(3) dung(1) gay(3). To order. To command.

14. (1)Yun(3) f'oo(3). A subordinate. An underling.

15. Shau(2) (3)hah. To supervise. To oversee.

16. Gaam(1) (3)shue. An overseer. A supervisor.

17. Gaam(1) (3)shue (1)yun. To supply. To provide. To support.

18. Goong(1) kup(1). Boundary Street.

Place names:

33. Gaayee(3)-(3)haan Gaayee(1). The Mid-Autumn Festival. He limited the use of iron by the Chinese.

Joong-Tsau Dzit (Continued)

21. (2)Kui (3)haan-jai(3) dee(1) (1)Tong (1)yun (3)yoong gah(1). Each family could only use four taels of iron.

22. (2)Kui (3)haan-jai(3) dee(1) (1)Tong (1)yun (3)yoong gah(1) (1)yun (3)yoong gah(1) (1)yun (3)yoong gah(1) (1)yun (3)yoong gah(1). Each ten families had only one kitchen knife.

23. (2)Kui (3)haan-jai(3) dee(1) (1)Tong (1)yun (3)yoong gah(1) (1)yun (3)yoong gah(1) (1)yun (3)yoong gah(1) (1)yun (3)yoong gah(1). All iron ware had to be registered.

24. (2)Kui (3)haan-jai(3) dee(1) (1)Tong (1)yun (3)yoong gah(1) (1)yun (3)yoong gah(1) (1)yun (3)yoong gah(1) (1)yun (3)yoong gah(1). Further, he was afraid that the Chinese would disobey him.

25. (2)Kui (3)haan-jai(3) dee(1) (1)Tong (1)yun (3)yoong gah(1) (1)yun (3)yoong gah(1) (1)yun (3)yoong gah(1) (1)yun (3)yoong gah(1). So, he then ordered his subordinates to go to supervise them.

26. (2)Kui (3)haan-jai(3) dee(1) (1)Tong (1)yun (3)yoong gah(1) (1)yun (3)yoong gah(1) (1)yun (3)yoong gah(1) (1)yun (3)yoong gah(1). All his subordinates were Mongolians.

27. (2)Kui (3)haan-jai(3) dee(1) (1)Tong (1)yun (3)yoong gah(1) (1)yun (3)yoong gah(1) (1)yun (3)yoong gah(1) (1)yun (3)yoong gah(1). They were all his own people.

28. (2)Kui (3)haan-jai(3) dee(1) (1)Tong (1)yun (3)yoong gah(1) (1)yun (3)yoong gah(1) (1)yun (3)yoong gah(1) (1)yun (3)yoong gah(1). Additionally, he compelled the Chinese to support his subordinates.

29. (2)Kui (3)haan-jai(3) dee(1) (1)Tong (1)yun (3)yoong gah(1) (1)yun (3)yoong gah(1) (1)yun (3)yoong gah(1) (1)yun (3)yoong gah(1). Each family had to support at least one overseer.

30. (2)Kui (3)haan-jai(3) dee(1) (1)Tong (1)yun (3)yoong gah(1) (1)yun (3)yoong gah(1) (1)yun (3)yoong gah(1) (1)yun (3)yoong gah(1). (To be continued)

TRAWLER STRIKE SETTLED

More than 400 trawler fishermen, who have been on strike for more than a month, made a settlement with their employers yesterday.

Assistant Labour Officer, Mr. R. Haw-gay, said that last June the trawler fishermen employers bought small diesel engines for each fishing junk.

The fishermen, who are paid 30 per cent of the fish haul more than doubled their incomes using the new engines.

The employers, who own the junks and supply the diesel oil, began charging each junk 50 per cent of the total cost of the oil, or about HK\$10 per fisherman a month.

Late in August the 400 fishermen went on strike.

At the arbitration discussions the employers argued that the new engines which they supplied each junk had increased the fishermen's income by more than HK\$500 a month each.

They added that the fishermen should not object to paying HK\$10 a month to share the cost of the diesel oil.

The spokesman for the fishermen retorted that, but the employers didn't ask us if we wanted the engines put in the junks.

The employers gave in and decided to pay the full cost of the diesel oil.

Rediffusion

H.K.T. A.M.

7.00—Up with the Sun.

7.15—Setting in the East.

7.30—Musical Clock.

7.45—Kellogg's Breakfast Session.

8.00—News and Weather Forecast.

8.15—Easy Listening.

8.30—Through the Looking Glass.

9.00—Good Morning.

9.30—Friday Music.

10.00—Morning Melody.

11.00—Music for All.

P.M.

12.00—Noon-time.

12.15—Time Time.

12.30—Interval Signal.

12.45—Easy Listening.

1.00—Singer.

1.15—News.

1.30—Music for You.

2.00—Afternoon Melody.

2.15—Today's Choice.

2.30—Vocalists.

2.45—Music Makers.

3.15—Children's Corner.

3.30—Harmony Hall.

3.45—Radio Headlines.

4.00—Kingdom of Swing.

4.15—The Jumping Jacks.

4.30—Do You Remember? (Pekie Syndi (ale).

4.45—Candlelight and Silver (London).

5.00—The Super-Cola Programme.

5.15—Romantic Cycles.

5.30—The Daisy Farm Programme.

5.45—Ten Time.

6.00—BBC World News.

6.15—Local News.

6.30—Light Music.

6.45—Time for Music.

7.00—Stardust.

7.15—Soft Lights and Sweet Music.

Midnight, Close Down.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

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Airmail for Swatow, (Reg.) 11 a.m. (Ord.) 11.30 a.m.

Airmail for USA and Canada, (Reg.) 11.30 a.m. (Ord.) 12 p.m.

Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 2 p.m. (Ord.) 2.30 p.m.

Airmail for Taipei: Airmail for Chungking and Chongqing, (Reg.) 2 p.m. (Ord.) 2.30 p.m.

Airmail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, USA and Canada, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m. (Ord.) 5 p.m.

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Ordinary Airmail (printed matters, samples and small packet post) for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and USA, (Kowloon CPO) 4.30 p.m. (GPO) 5 p.m.

Airmail for Singapore, Sourabaya, Sydney and Auckland, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m. (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Airmail for Haiphong, Saigon and Paris, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m. (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea

Batavia, 5 a.m.

Singapore, 10 a.m.

Straits, 1 p.m.

Haiphong, 3 p.m.

Madras and Calcutta, 3 p.m.

Bangkok, 3 p.m.

Swatow, 4 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Closing Times by Air

Airmail for Swatow, (Reg.) 11 a.m. (Ord.) 11.30 a.m.

Airmail for Manila, (Reg.) 12 noon. (Ord.) 12.30 p.m.

Airmail for USA and Canada, (Reg.) 1.30 p.m. (Ord.) 2 p.m.

Airmail for Swatow: Airmail for Kowloon and Calcutta: Airmail for Hongkong, (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Airmail for Taipei: Airmail for Swatow and Amoy: Airmail for Chungking and Chongqing, (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Airmail for Bangkok, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m. (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea

Manila, 10 a.m.

Japan, 10 a.m.

Formosa via Keelung, 11 a.m.

Sandakan, 3 p.m.

Singapore, 10 a.m.

USA, Canada, Central and South America via San Francisco (No Parcel Post Canada), (Pac. Reg. and Ord.) 5 p.m.

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"CANTON"	25th December	25th January
"CARTRAGE"	25th January	25th February

Via Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Bombay, Aden and Port Said.

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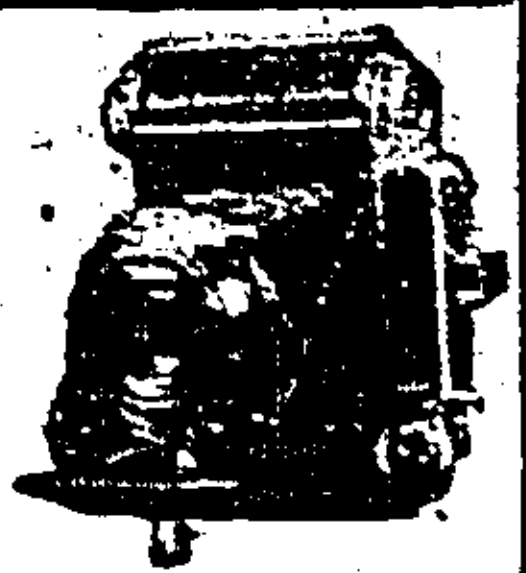
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Early Surprise In Match-Play Golf Tournament

London, September 21.

Fresh from their Ryder Cup triumph, the American golfers were in force to challenge for the "News of the World" professional match-play championship on the Walton Heath Course, Surrey, today.

After yesterday's few preliminary games in the first round, the real business began today when the 32 second round games were played. Yesterday's first round of eight games passed without undue sensation and the only American then engaged, Johnny Palmer, survived to bring all the American Ryder Cup team men into the second round with the cream of the British players and one lone continental professional, Flory Van Donck.

Hassan And Omar To Meet

M. D. Hassan and U. M. Omar qualified for the final of the Colony Open Lawn Bowls Singles championship yesterday at Happy Valley when they beat L. A. Collier and W. Butterworth. Hassan won by 21-3 and Omar won by 21-14.

At Craigengower Cricket Club, Hassan scored a convincing win over Collier. The latter scored only on three balls. Of the 19 heads played, Hassan scored on 16, the biggest count being a three.

Some good bowling was seen at Hong Kong Football Club when U. M. Omar, who has won the title four times, beat W. Butterworth by 21-14. The standard of bowls was good and both players treated the spectators to some exciting play. It was steady on the part of Omar that carried him through. Butterworth made some good shots and put up a great fight.

Butterworth started off by scoring a three to which Omar came back by also scoring a three. By the end of the 6th head Butterworth was leading by 5-1. From then on Omar slowly forged ahead and by the end of the 10th head was leading 10-6, on the 10th head 11-6, 13-9 on the 15th head and 19-10 on the 17th head. During the next four heads Butterworth managed to take the shot away from Omar and by the end of the 21st head, the score was Omar 19, Butterworth 12. The next head saw Omar scoring two shots to win the game.

Lawn Bowls At Police Recreation Club

The following games in the Club Lawn Bowls Rinks Championship will be played off at the Police Recreation Club tomorrow, at 4 p.m. sharp.

J. Russell, H.B. Dewar, H.A.J. Brown, C. Pope (Ship) versus D. Taylor, T.H. Goodman, J. Bradley, M. E. Brown, J. H. Brown, M. Saul, G.E. Willerton, W.R. Hillyer, C.H. Cough (Ship) versus H. Finney, J. Bedman, T.P. Ross, W. E. Hollands (Ship).

The following rulings will, inter alia, apply: Non-appearances mean forfeiture.

Each rink is allowed replacement on their own arrangement. Le Club Members. Skips responsible.

Any rink one member short: No. 1's and No. 2's play three woods and the rink forfeits 33 per cent of the total score.

Any rink failing to provide less than three players will be scratched, giving their opponents a walk-over.

CHANGE IN BOXING PROGRAMME

Paris, September 21. M. Robert Benaim, the boxing match-maker, at the Palais des Sports here, announced today that his programme for next Monday had been changed through injuries to the boxers engaged.

Tiberio Mitri, the Italian and European middleweight champion, was set to meet Gilbert Stock, but had to meet out in a non-title contest with Jean Belabach, of France, in Florence last night.

Mitri expects to be fit to meet Stock on October 17.

The Italian may also meet Gilbert's brother, Jean Stock, in a French middleweight championship fight for the European title in Paris in November, M. Benaim added.

M. Benaim is due to leave for England this week-end to arrange for Manuel Ortiz, the world bantamweight champion, to appear in a non-title contest between Tiberio Mitri, holder, and Louis Sken, which takes place on October 2.—Reuter.

The Americans had been passed straight into the championship, but other players had qualified in sectional competitions in recent months.

There was an early surprise when the first American engaged was beaten, Johnny Fallon, a youthful Yorkshire player, winning on the 19th green against colourful Jimmy Demaret.

Fallon was a nominee for the British Ryder Cup team but failed to get a place. He was three up on the turn, which he reached in 34, but all square at the 16th, and Demaret, after two halves, took three putts at the 19th.

Just behind was Charlie Ward, beating Flory Van Donck by two and one. Twice the Belgian had beaten Ward at match-play events, but the British player now had his revenge after a tense battle.

Sam Snead and Lloyd Mangrum, two of the strongest members of the American team, won through today's round but where Snead was taken to the last green by Cecil Denny, Mangrum won comfortably by four and three against Max Faulkner, a member of the British team.

Fine Long Shots Level at the ninth, Denny lost two of the next four holes but levelled again with some fine long shots and then missed a yard putt on the home green when the match appeared likely to go past the 18th.

Faulkner won two of the first three holes but lost the next two and, after matching Mangrum, the Scottish champion, after being one down at the turn, while Hamilton beat Norman Sutton at the 20th after Sutton had been downy one.

Strong Finish In all three cases the strong finish of the Americans, which always seems to typify their play, was seen in their shipping and putting being deadly over the last few holes.

Skip Alexander added to the American successes when he beat Fred Healey by five and three, but then Fred Daly, former Open champion, cracked the match-play title for the past two years, knocked out the American, "Dutch" Harrison.

Daly started badly to lose three of the first five holes but he fought back to be only one down at the 11th and though still one down with four to play, produced the stronger finish to win at the 19th hole. Six Americans were thus in the third round, but Hamilton then scratched to his compatriot, Healey, a walkover as he plans to return home.

Of the British team, Ward, Sam King, Dick Burton, Dai Rees and Fred Daly, as well as Laurie Ayton, who did not actually play in the Ryder Cup match, survived today's play.

Jimmy Adams had failed to qualify for the final stages while the beaten British team men were Max Faulkner, Arthur Lees and Ken Bousfield.—Reuter.

BAN ON CAR AND CYCLE RACING IN S. AFRICA

Pretoria, September 21. Motor car and motor cycle racing is to be banned throughout the Union of South Africa.

Mr. Eric Louw, the Minister of Economic Affairs, announcing this today, said that it was part of the Government's plan to conserve petrol.—Reuter.

AUSSIE JOCKEY FOR INDIA

London, September 21. A. Mulvey, the Australian jockey, who has been riding in England with some measure of success in recent weeks, is leaving for India next month.—Reuter.

England Surprised By Eire

Liverpool, September 21. Eire sprang a major football surprise at Goodison Park here today by topping the full England international team by two goals to nil. Eire scored a goal in each half.

The primary factor in the Irish success was a magnificent defence, in which Johnny Carey, right-back, Don Martin, centre-half, and young Tommy Godwin in goal all played superbly.

Everything the England forwards did in an all-out second-half invasion could not break down their Eire defence.

Martin opened the scoring from the penalty line in the 34th minute. Farrell got the second goal five minutes from time. Nearly 52,000 spectators watched the exciting game.

It was fortunate for England that this match did not count in the world soccer cup competition. England's forward failure was due almost entirely to lack of thrust in the centre, for Jesse Fyfe, the Wolves centre-forward, was completely blocked out by Martin.

Neither of England's full-backs, Moseley and Aston, were impressive. They looked anything but steady under pressure.

On Top In Early Stages

England were on top in the early stages, but they could not find a clear way through. Once Morris made a flying header, narrowly wide, with Godwin beaten.

Eire retaliated and a fierce shot by Walsh, centre forward, was saved at full length by Williams. Then came Martin's penalty.

This goal, which was awarded for a tackle from behind on Desmond, shocked England and they lost their early effectiveness towards the interval.

Fully half the play after half-time occurred in the Eire penalty area but shot after shot was either blocked by a forest of Eire legs or saved by Downing.

Eire's second goal came when O'Connor caught the England defence in two minds, lobbed a pass to Farrell, who calmly placed the ball over the advancing Williams' head into an empty net.

It was England's first defeat on their own soil against a side other than from one of the Home Countries.—Reuter.

Baseball Scores

New York, September 21.

Today's baseball scores:

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	R	H	E
Chicago White Sox	10	10	2
New York Yankees	9	7	2
Detroit Tigers	4	7	0
Philadelphia Athletics	1	4	0
Cleveland Indians	6	12	0
Boston Red Sox	9	15	0
St. Louis Browns	0	3	1
Washington Senators	7	10	1

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	R	H	E
Philadelphia Phillies	3	5	0
Chicago Cubs	1	7	2
Philadelphia Phillies (nightcap)	6	9	1
Chicago Cubs	9	14	0
Brooklyn Dodgers	0	5	0
St. Louis Cardinals	1	8	0
Brooklyn Dodgers (nightcap)	5	6	0
St. Louis Cardinals	0	2	0
New York Giants	4	15	0
Cincinnati Reds	5	14	2
New York Giants (nightcap)	5	7	1
Cincinnati Reds	2	8	1
Boston Braves	8	15	2
Pittsburgh Pirates	7	11	2

—United Press.

The Driver Was Not Hurt



A 1496 Maserati car melts away in flames after it collided with two other cars during the Wakefield Trophy Race at the Curragh, Ireland, on September 10. The driver, R. F. Salvadori, jumped out of the car and was not hurt.—AP Photo.

SOCCER REFEREES' MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Hong Kong Football Referees' Association will be held on Monday, September 26, at 8.30 p.m. in the Offices of the HKFA, Price's Building, Ice House Street.

Agenda:—(1) Correspondence; (2) Laws of the Game and (3) Any other business.

CRC TENNIS TOURNAMENT

The opening games in the Open Hardcourt Tennis Tournament organised by the Chinese Recreation Club will commence on Monday next.

The following is the programme up to and including Sunday, October 2:

Monday, September 26, 5 p.m.

Court: No. 1. Cheng Chow v K.H. Tsoi. No. 2. Y.P. Tsui v M.L. Chan. No. 3. P.Y. Kwok v T.E. Baker. No. 4. Daniel Chan and G.M. Lam v C.H. Ip and S.F. Lam. No. 5. Y.W. Lee and Ng Kam Chuen v Y.P. Fung and Wm. Wu.

Tuesday, September 27, 5 p.m.

Court: No. 1. W.P. Tsui v R. Mitchell. No. 2. Y.K. Ng v K.C. Lai. No. 3. K.S. Wong v K.M. Au. No. 4. G. Choa and T.F. Choy v T.T. Lim and (?)

Wednesday, September 28, 5 p.m.

Court: No. 1. M. Heenan and H.A. Ayres v Y.Y. Lim and C.K. Lee. No. 2. Donald Lo v S.K. Wong. No. 3. Nick Ma v J.D. MacKie. No. 4. Ma King Wing v S.M. Wong. No. 5. Chan Kam Moon and Hung Mo Chiu v K.H. Ip and Edwin Tsai.

Thursday, September 29, 5 p.m.

Court: No. 1. Anton Wei v Benzin Saw. No. 2. Capt. A. Stewart v F. Zuluf. No. 3. P.A. Fisher v Capt. Turner-Cooke. No. 4. Roch Liang and Wu Kwo Lin v Tsoi Ping Fan and D.C. Luk. No. 5. S.P. Tao and C.Y. Wong v Eddie Chan and Szeto Bick.

Friday, September 30, 5 p.m.

Court: No. 1. Leung Yun Hung v Bill Sun. No. 2. Capt. M. Nicholson v Fernando M. Ribeiro. No. 3. Li Kin Hong v Szeto Bick. No. 4. Anton Wei and David Tsai v K.C.A. Ball and A.J. Doyle. No. 5. Donald Lo and Norman Lo v Capt. A. Stuart and Capt. Turner-Cooke.

SCHOOL BOYS

Saturday, October 1, 3.30 p.m.

Court: No. 1. Chung Yue To v Henry Litton. No. 2. Hung Chuan v W.M. Lo. No. 3. Tszit Lin v Lee Cheuk Yue. No. 4. S.P. Wong v Wasutachai. No. 5. Lee Cheuk Yin v C.F. Wong.

Sunday, October 2, 3.30 p.m.

Court: No. 1. K.W. Ma v K.C. Wong. No. 2. Herbert Yue v T.K. Choi. No. 3. Maurice Ma v George Lin Jr. No. 4. Lee Cheuk Yue and U. See Lip v S.N. Cho and W.Y. Kwok. No. 5. Maurice Ma and Arthur Woon v Tachai and Hung Chuan and Henry Litton.

St. Joseph's & Taikoo In Final Of Schools Seven-A-Side Tournery

(By "ROYER")

St. Joseph's College and Taikoo School earned the right to meet each other in the final of the Schools Seven-A-Side Stanley Shield Soccer Competition yesterday afternoon, when they beat Queen's College and St. Stephen's College respectively.

St. Stephen's College, holders of the Shield, were somewhat unlucky to be eliminated from the Competition as a result of their having conceded two corners to their opponents, neither side being able to score.

The final game of the afternoon between St. Joseph's and Queen's College provided a fitting climax to yesterday's matches, with the Saints gaining the decision by the narrow margin of two goals to one. Queen's had a glorious opportunity of drawing level with the Saints in the last minute of the game when they were awarded a penalty, but the player who was entrusted with the spot kick shot straight at the goalkeeper, who had no difficulty in gathering the ball and clearing his lines.

Clemo Impresses

The boys from King George V School put up a surprisingly good performance in the opening game of the afternoon against Taikoo and gave their opponents a rude shock when they took the lead. Clemo, playing on the right wing for King George V, was particularly impressive. The other players also gave a grand performance and there is every indication that this School will soon make its presence in the local soccer world felt.

Referees Absent Although the Army had undertaken to be responsible for the supplying of referees for yesterday's game, the only referee to attend was Sgt. Manson.

It was only due to the timely arrival of Dr. J. A. R. Selby, who readily assisted in carrying out the afternoon's programme, that the heavy responsibility which fell on Sgt. Manson's shoulders was relieved to a certain extent. The following are the results of yesterday's games:

Quarter Finals

Taikoo 2 King George V 1
Wah Yan 0 Q's College 1
E. Kadourie 0 St. Joseph's 2

Semi Finals

Taikoo 2 St. Stephen's 0
St. Joseph's 2 Q's College 1

HOME FOOTBALL RESULTS

London, September 21. The following were the results of football matches played today:

Third Division (South): Bournemouth 3 Bristol 1. Reading 2 Millwall 1. Glasgow Cup, Semi-final Replay: Third Lanark 1 Clyde 4.

ULSTER CUP

Ballymena U. 4 Ulsterville 0

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP

Quarter-final: Second Leg: Cowdenbeath 1 Rangers 2 (after extra time).

East Fife 5 Forfar 1. Hibernian 4 Partick 0. (East Fife, Rangers and Hibernian enter semi-finals on goal aggregate).

—Reuter.

Plan To Streamline Swimmers

Detroit, September 21.

The former Olympic swimmer, Jim Handey, today asked 200 automotive engineers to help him streamline the crawl stroke so American swimmers can regain supremacy over the Japanese.

Discouraged by the Japanese pool victories in the National Swimming Championships at Los Angeles last month, Handey said it was "apparent" that the Japanese stroke perfection is far ahead of ours. The American crawl stroke which I am crediting with inventing is outdated 20 years," the widely known maker of industrial movies said.

Japan's recent swimming victories were accomplished by new elements of streamlining and engineering techniques, Handey said. He believes that automotive engineers who have made the American car the fastest and most streamlined in the world should be able to do the same with swimmers.

He scoffed at coaches who claim that the Japanese successes were due to endurance built up by walking while our athletes ride in cars.

He said, "If our muscle building is at fault why didn't the Japanese take the backstroke and breaststroke titles?" "We need more brain hours than muscle hours devoted to our project."—United Press.

CHAND TARA HOCKEY TEAM

The following have been selected to represent the Chand Tara Hockey Association against the Dutch Hockey Club in a hockey match to be played on the RNRG Ground (No. 2) King's Park, on Sunday, September 25, at 10 a.m.

M. Akbar Din, M. Ali Din, S. O. Rahman, H. S. Dhillon, S. S. Dhillon, T. Kikaboy, L. Curry, M. Ali, N. Singh, K. Nazarin and Y. Alladin.

Reserves: M. Alahi and M. Khan.

Chand Tara Members are requested to assemble at the Star Ferry Wharf (Kowloon) at 9.30 a.m.

RUGGER SCORES

London, September 21.

The following were the results of rugby games played today:

Union: Nottingham 3 Northampton 12.

League: Whitehaven 9 Warrington 2.

—Reuter.

REPORT ON HK DEVELOPMENT

(Continued from Page 8)

It will be remembered that Liverpool after having for many years a railway tunnel (subsequently electrified), more recently added a road tunnel and has continued with the ferries and locking facilities.

A Necessity

The engineering problems require to be further investigated and the cost brought into relation to the economic position of the Colony; but sooner or later the tunnel must be constructed. The tunnel will be something much more than an underground traffic link. It will be a symbol of the unity of interests of the Colony; it is impossible to predict all the effects which it may have, but provided strong planning control both in use of land and in direction of traffic is exercised, it is difficult to see what way it can be other than beneficial.

Regarding railways, the main suggestions are the elimination of the line from Kowloon Tong, South of the railway tunnel, to the main station at the tip of Kowloon Peninsula. The line will fork just South of the railway tunnel, the Western arm being carried across Nathan Road, or the angle of Nullah Road, and along the reclaimed front of the Yaumati Typhoon harbour as far as Public Square Street. Here the new main station will be located at something less than 10 feet above street level.

Sir Patrick Abercrombie states that the removal of the Services from the block of land on either side of Queen's Road, East, is absolutely essential to the continued prosperity of the Colony. The Central administration and business area would be almost doubled in size and although some faint hopes were expressed that a tunnel might create a business extension in Kowloon, all planning experience is against such a possibility.

If the Service lands can be taken into the central area, there will be an opportunity for a complete plan including most of the existing office blocks. These so-called looking and in some cases ornate buildings are really obsolescent and are ripe for rebuilding.

Their surrounding arcades and lofty rooms were the solution of the problem of high temperatures today air conditioning has superseded and it will be found that with very little increased height, the same ground space will provide considerably more floor area.

The Territories

It is fortunate that a large part of the central business area is in the hands of a single Estate company.

Snooker Championship

London, September 21.

Albert Brown, who started the last day of his three-day qualifying match for the "News of the World" professional snooker championship with a lead of 16 frames to nine over John Barrie at the Leicester Square Hall.

At the interval Brown led by 18 frames to 12. He needed only one frame for a winning margin over Barrie, a Wisbech hotel proprietor. Brown, a former Warwickshire cricketer, comes from Birmingham.

A further seven frames are due to be played in the evening session.

After losing the first three frames today, Barrie struck his best form and claimed the last three games.

He made the best break of the match so far—64.

At the close of play, Brown beat Barrie by 22 frames to 16. The scores after the interval were: (Brown first) 25-70; 95-37; 48-69; 80-73; 71-37; 63-50.—Reuter.

SOCCER TRIAL BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Paris, September 21.

The French Football Federation have decided to hold a trial match behind closed doors before selecting the French team to play in the world soccer cup match against Yugoslavia in Belgrade on October 9.

Thirty-five players have been named and from these the two teams will be chosen for the trial on September 27. Two days later, one team will play either Austria or Italy and the other team will meet a combined team from the Racing Club de France and the Stade Français Clubs.

Of the 35 players only four played in the last international against Spain last June. These are: Jean Guerin, of Rennes; Henri Baillot, of Metz; Jean Baratte, of Lille; and Jean Grummon, of Lille.—Reuter.

plan: this should facilitate a unified scheme of re-development. The new land which will be freed from the Services will be Government property.

The reconstruction and creation of a great city centre should give the opportunity for a fine and coherent architectural treatment which these private buildings should exhibit without attempting to rival the splendour of the public ones. A comprehensive scheme for the rebuilding of central Hong Kong should be got out at once in order that any part that is carried out in the near future may fall into the completed plan; this refers particularly to the heights of buildings and the volume of traffic which they will produce.

The possibility of a considerable increase in suburban development is especially if the railway is electrified, must be faced. Suburban scattering and sprawl has been one of the worst features of urban growth in European countries. On the one hand great damage, both direct and indirect, may be done to farming interests; on the other, the gradual penetration of building may lead to an unbecoming demand for flung public services such as water supply.

Fortunately for the Colony the land is owned by the Government and the areas released for development can be rigidly controlled; but the danger of pressure being brought to bear for the sale of individual plots, each appearing harmless at the time, must be guarded against.

If the aerodrome is located in the New Territories, this by itself may become a focus of development, possibly of an industrial character.

With regard to Planning powers, they will require very careful consideration. Mr. Owen's excellent draft was based upon the 1932 Act. It is recommended that it be re-read and re-drafted in the light of the 1947 Act. The most sensational change in the 1947 Act, the acquisition (or assumption) by the State of development rights in land, will hardly apply to Hong Kong where all freehold is owned by the State, any increased value of undeveloped land automatically goes to the State; and on leased developed land, the covenants of the leases presumably provide for any increased value, owing to change of use or increase in capacity, going to the Crown.

Compensation

But there are many other powers which should be subject to review or amendment under a comprehensive planning ordinance—for example, the basis of compensation for the resumption of Crown lands, required not only for public purposes but for enterprise; this might contain a definition of obsolete or obsolescent property which might reduce or eliminate compensation altogether.

Then again the building by-laws (while possibly still remaining under separate Statute) could be made to conform to modern ideas of estate layout at present they are framed to suit the existing type of Chinese tenement rather than to encourage any new type of estate development.

Then again the cost of road widening requires reviewing; there is the unfortunate principle by which a frontager is paid full frontage value although in many cases he does not reduce his floor space index, by reason of using more back land or building higher; indeed there are many cases (e.g. London) where a greatly increased volume has been allowed which, by engendering increased traffic, has taken up the extra width provided for the road.

All this type of amendment should be much easier in Hong Kong, through Crown ownership of the freehold, than in many other countries. It will be necessary to break through a mass of existing custom upon which much estate value has depended, owing to the unfortunate number of 99-year leases, and the absence of full building covenants.

A bold system of legislation for land and development of land should be introduced, whether or no a fund for "hardship claims" is provided as has been done under the 1947 Act.

A period of rising prosperity is the moment